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EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

Preparing For a Final Struggle in the Streets of Paris.

All the Corner Houses to be Seined for the Troops.

The Attack on the Forts and Ramparts Continued.

Rochefort Held Under Close Arrest at Versailles.

The Investigation of Gen. Prim's Assassination at Madrid.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Spies Shot and Participants in the Gunpowder Plot Condemned—Civil and Military Authorities at Paris—Operations About the City—Notre Dame Occupied by Troops.

PARIS, May 20.—Two spies were shot yesterday. Four individuals have been condemned to death for alleged connection with the recent powder magazine explosions near the Champ de Mars. The Central Committee is again the principal power in Paris, and is acting in connect with the Committee of Public Safety. The journals of the Commune declare that the Federal positions are everywhere strong, that their organization has improved and that confidence in the future is greatly strengthened.

PARIS, May 20—Evening.—An important engagement is reported to have occurred today, near Auteuil and Passy. The result is yet unknown. Fort Montrouge still holds out against the Versaillists. The Governor of Fort Ehrelore has been arrested. The Versaillists in the Bois de Boulogne have made seven distinct attempts to storm the ramparts of Paris, but in no case with the result of a serious one. A great number of Federal troops has been concentrated at the threatened points. The bastions facing the German position are being actively repaired. The minority party in the Commune and Military Commission has been replaced by Communists of a more radical stripe. The Church of Notre Dame des Victoires has been sacked, and is now occupied by Federal troops.

Sweeping Changes in the French Ministry—Gambetta Plotting Treason—Preparations for a Struggle Within the Central—The Communists Beginning to Respect Rochefort Under Arrest at Versailles.

LONDON, May 20.—The *Daily News'* special dispatch says the report that the Germans intend to attack Paris is unfounded. Several important engagements have taken place at Neuilly. The Telegraph's dispatch gives a report that MM. FAVRE and SIMON are to supersede French Ministry. Letters have been intercepted, implicating M. GAMBETTA in movements against the Government. A flag of truce from Paris has arrived at Versailles. A dispatch from Versailles mentions a report that M. ROCHEFORT has been arrested at Meaux. A dispatch from Paris says the Federalists have planted four mitrailleuses on the barricade in the Rue Peyronnet. The civil commissioners, acting in conjunction with the military commanders, have ordered the inhabitants of Paris occupying corner houses to leave, as all such buildings will be used by troops as loop-holes for musketry. The Central Committee has assumed the war power. The Communists have determined to take the offensive against the Versaillists, and expect thereby to stop the approaches of the Government troops to Paris. Another dispatch says wounded soldiers are constantly arriving at the hospitals, and that the Communists are disarmed, and making preparations to explode the ramparts. The United States store-ship *Relief* has arrived at Havre. A dispatch from Havre says the Prussians have evacuated Yvetot.

VERSAILLES, May 20.—M. ROCHEFORT has been arrested in attempting to escape from the Commune, and was brought to Versailles today. The Assembly today adopted a motion demanding a decision from the French and Prussian authorities as to what towns shall be garrisoned by German soldiers.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Reopening of Session at Berlin—Alsace and Lorraine a Part of Germany Forever More—The French and German Ratifications at Frankfort.

BERLIN, May 20.—The Empress of Russia has arrived in Berlin. The German Parliament has adopted the second clause of the Alsace-and-Lorraine bill, which declares those Provinces incorporated in the German Empire, forever. The Polish and Danish members refrain from voting. HERR DELBRUCK stated that the conquered territory returned annexed to any particular State of the Empire, becomes part of the States covenanted.

FRANKFORT, May 20.—Evening.—Prince BISMARCK and MM. FAVRE and POUYER-QUERTIER held a long conference today. They will remain in this city three days.

Ratifications Exchanged—Payment of Installments—Evacuation of Belfort—Reception of the Emperor of Russia—Installation of Bismarck—Return of Favre and Pouyer-Quertier.

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN, May 20.—Prince BISMARCK and MM. POUYER-QUERTIER and FAVRE arrived in this city today, for the purpose of exchanging ratifications of the treaty of peace. All the public buildings and a great many private residences are decorated with flags in honor of the occasion.

LONDON, May 20.—HERR DOLLINGER will shortly visit London. *Bothwell*, the winner of the Two Thousand Guinea Stakes at Newmarket, is the favorite for the Derby, which comes off on Wednesday next. The steamer *William III* has been burned near Vendome. All on board are supposed to have been saved.

MADRID, May 20.—The Cortes held a secret session yesterday, at which a report was read, covering the results of the judicial inquiry into the assassination of Gen. PRIM. The report criminates Senor HOQUE BARCIA, who has, since the assassination, been elected a Deputy to the Cortes.

LONDON, May 20.—The report that a new Turkish loan, to the amount of $30,000,000, is to be introduced in the London market, is authoritatively contradicted.

CUBA.

Execution of Rebels and Traitors—Crushing Out the Remnants of the Insurrection.

HAVANA, May 20.—JUAN MARQUES GARCIA, who had been convicted of treason, was executed at 5 o'clock this morning at Fort Cabanas. The Villa de Cobre shopkeepers who had been convicted of supplying the insurgents, have been executed at Santiago de Cuba. The Intendant Prefect, Capt. CARLOS VARONA, and the insurgent ENRIQUE PLOTAS, have been executed at Puerto Principe. Gen. ESA reports having destroyed an insurgent camp on the 10th and killed five persons; that his troops killed on the 12th EUOY BEAUVILLERS, an insurgent General of artillery, Capt. ANTO. BACHILLER MORLES, Adjt. PEDRO LECHEY, Lieut. PINERO and five others, and on the 15th the Ex-General-in-Chief of the Central Department, named ROTEA AGRAMONTE, Gen. ESA also reports that he attacked VILLAMIL'S forces on the 14th, and killed ten of them. The General returned on the 16th to Puerto Principe.

WASHINGTON.

Appointment of the English Commissioners—Examination at West Point—New Financial Agents in Europe—Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The British members of the Joint High Commission called upon the President today for the purpose of bidding him adieu. Earl DE GREY and Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE will leave here on Monday and sail from New-York on Wednesday in the same steamer with Gen. SCHENCK, our Minister to England. Prof. BERNARD and Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD left here this evening, the latter for his home in Canada, and the former for Niagara, where he will spend a few days, and then proceed to Quebec to sail for England.

MR. CONCORAN'S HEALTH IMPROVING.

Mr. W. W. CORCORAN is much better today, and his return to health is now more confidently anticipated.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President has appointed J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS and W. W. FOLWELL, of Minnesota, Commissioners from that State to the centennial celebration at Philadelphia in 1876.

WEST POINT EXAMINATION.

A medical board, to consist of Surgeon T. F. MCPARLIN, W. H. WATSON and VAN BUREN HUBBARD, has been ordered by the Secretary of War to convene at West Point the 1st of June, for the examination of the graduating class and of applicants for admission to the Academy.

FINANCIAL AGENTS ABROAD.

The banking house of JAY COOKE, MCCULLOCH & Co., of London, has been designated by the Secretary of the Navy as foreign financial agent for the navy department. This appointment, it is understood, is not intended wholly to supersede that of the Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co., who for nearly forty years, have acted as the financial agents of the United States. The disbursements for the navy abroad through London since the close of the late war, have amounted to about four or five million dollars annually.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Extra Session.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 20.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock. Among the few auditors in the galleries were the delegation of Indians now in this city on business with the Government.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, rising to a personal explanation, caused to be read a letter from Commissioner WILLIAMS, showing that an advance copy of the treaty was sent to him, (Mr. MORTON,) at Indianapolis, about the 1st of May, and that some changes were made therein about the 8th inst., in the twelfth and twenty-second articles.

Mr. PATTERSON, of New-Hampshire, inquired whether what was first published was the same as the official copy of the treaty.

Mr. MORTON replied that it was, with the exception that one of the articles was omitted by mistake.

Major MCDONALD, Chief Clerk of the Senate, made a statement, through the Vice-President, to the effect that on the day the treaty was communicated by the President, not wishing to send the official copy to the printer, he asked and received from Mr. MORTON the last proof of the treaty for that purpose.

Mr. MORTON remarked that from Wednesday, 3d inst., till Thursday, he had a copy of the treaty in his possession. He repeated that the first copy was sent to him at Indianapolis, and that after ward he received a revised or corrected copy; and, in this connection, he caused to be read a letter from Dr. CHARLES S. TAFT, saying he was in the Senator's room before the Senate met on the 3d inst., when the Senator took from a large envelope a printed paper, and asked him to put it into the fire, which he did, the Senator remarking to him that his had no use for it, as he had received a complete copy of the treaty.

Mr. SUMNER said he received a copy of the treaty from the United States Department fifteen minutes after 12 o'clock on Monday, the 7th inst., after the official signature had been attached. It was on his desk yesterday, but was now at his home on his files. It had been in his custody all the time. He knew no copy had been taken from it. He then corrected a statement in a morning paper which was given with a good deal of formality. It was therein stated that he yesterday occupied a large portion of the session discussing the merits and demerits of the treaty, and the latter undertook to give what he said. He would say that he had spoken of it, but he could say that reference made to anything he may have said was entirely erroneous. He never did make the speech attributed to him.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, said in his remarks he had nothing more to say than in the end the investigation would terminate to some Senator. His supposed every one had a copy, and he had his; and that the Treaty could not get out excepting through a Senator. He had supposed the agent or employe of the Press might have procured it from a Senator's room during his absence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN the Senate went into Executive session on the treaty.

The Senate were secured for four and a half hours on the treaty, and adjourned at 5½, until 11 o'clock on Monday. The prospect is that a vote will be arrived at by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Heavy Suit Against Bankrupt Bankers.

The argument of the case of CULVER, PENN & Co., bankrupts, was concluded at the United States District Court, before Judge BLATCHFORD, yesterday, on specifications filed by Dr. A. G. ROBERT and THOMAS HOGE, of Franklin, Penn., against the application of the bankrupts for a discharge. The firm of CULVER, PENN & Co. carried on business as bankers in New-York, from 1854 until the date of their failure, March 27, 1866. They were intimately connected with some five or six banks and banking-houses in the oil region of Pennsylvania. These institutions were all involved, in a greater or less degree, by the failure of the New-York house. The case has been pending about two years. The principal averments against the bankrupts relate to the ownership of 24,010 shares of stock of the Cherry Run Company, held in the name of ROBERT J. BROOKS, a relative of C. M. CULVER. This stock, it is asserted, belongs in reality to Mr. CULVER, and is a majority of the whole number of shares. The case was argued by ROBERT SEWELL and A. H. MCCLINTOCK, of Pennsylvania, for the opposing creditors, and by BANGS, with whom were MILLER and CUTTING, for the bankrupts. The decision was reserved.

Affairs Last Night.

At eleven o'clock last night CHARLES BLANCHAN was found by the Police, at No. 39 Hamilton-street, bleeding from two severe scalp wounds, caused by a large butcher-knife in the hands of THOMAS SMITH. Both were brought to the Seventh Precinct Station.

At 12 o'clock last night an affray occurred at Forty-sixth-street and Third-avenue, during which JOHN HUBERT and JOHN O'KEEFE were slightly stabbed. Both were arrested.

Found Drowned.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the East River, at the foot of Twenty-sixth-street, East River, and removed to the Morgue.

COAL TROUBLES.

The Reign of Terror at the Mines Yet Unbroken.

Repeated Collisions Between the Opposing Forces.

A Terrible State of Affairs—Resumption to Take Effect Next Week—Business Prospects Improving.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SCRANTON, Penn., May 20.—Slight disturbances are frequent. Several fights between Union miners and so-called "black legs" have taken place, and one man, a Union miner, was knocked down, the side of his head striking the curb-stone, cutting a frightful gash, which may prove fatal. One of the attacking party named JENKINS, is under military arrest. KEARNS, the laborer alleged to have killed JOHNS and DAVIS, had a hearing before Judge DANA at Wilkesbarre to-day. He was admitted to bail in the sum of $10,000, Mr. W. W. SCRANTON, his employer, becoming his surety. He ventured to his home, in Bellevue, today, under military escort, but will reside for the present in this city. At a late hour last night the Irish laborers of Bellevue received pretty positive and straightforward information that the Welsh would make a raid upon them last night, and the protection of the military was invoked. The Tunkhannock Company were dispatched to that place and remained on duty during the night. The laborers were very much frightened, and some of them spent the entire night in their cellars. Several shots were fired, by whom is not known, but no one was injured. Resumption in this entire region will take place during the coming week. The Pennsylvania Company's mines were all worked today, and a large quantity of coal produced. The Delaware and Hudson Company's men, at a meeting today in Providence, voted by a large majority to resume work next week, thereby rescinding their action of a few days ago. There has been great activity in the yards of the coal companies preparatory to resumption, and hundreds of miners have all day been purchasing tools and otherwise preparing for work. There is also great activity in business circles, and our merchants will visit New-York early in the week with a view of replenishing their almost exhausted stock of goods. The miners and companies of the Lackawanna region have settled their difficulties without reference to the Schuylkill region or the decision of the umpire, Judge ELLWELL.

Half-past Eleven P. M.—The wildest excitement prevails in Bellevue. KEARNS, who was released on $10,000 bail, and who was advised to remain in this city during the night, rashly ventured home about 10 o'clock, and on the way was recognized by some of his enemies, the Welsh miners, a large crowd of whom attempted his capture, pursuing him through several streets, firing as they ran. He escaped however, gaining the east portion of the town, where his friends, the laborers, were, all of whom are by authority armed with Remington rifles and side arms. An organization was at once effected, and the miners were chased into Hyde Park, and one BROOKS, who is already under bonds for participation in the previous riots, was captured and handed over to the military. The laborers are all in arms, and are resolved, in conjunction with the military, to make desperate resistance in case of further disturbance.

Two miners, Welsh and German, named respectively JOHN PHILLIPS and CHARLES REID, got into an altercation relative to the situation in Hyde Park, about 10 o'clock, and becoming excited came to blows, when the father of REID interfered and stabbed PHILLIPS in the back of the neck, it is thought, fatally. No arrests were made. There was a collision between the Hamilton Zouaves and a company of militia from Wilkesbarre at Hyde Park this evening. Capt. COLBURN, of the Zouaves, was wounded in the arm by a pistol shot. The excitement at this hour is intense, many of the soldiers are intoxicated and there is little security for either life or property.

WINNIPEG.

Favorable Condition of the Territory—Emigration Increasing—The Financial Estimates—Legislative Matters.

TORONTO, May 20.—Winnipeg advices to the 20th April have been received. The steamer *Selkirk* left for Abercrombie on May 1 with fifty passengers, mostly volunteers. The *International* leaves today. Two companies, who had been organized and sent there have been discharged, there being little doing in building in consequence of the scarcity of lumber. Several are going on the surveys and the public roads. The Government is to build sheds for the temporary accommodation of emigrants, and $2,000 have been voted to begin with. The estimates for the Province give the total expenditures as $70,535, and the total assets as $80,220 24. This includes $6,000 for education, $9,000 for the relief of emigrants, $14,000 for public lands, $20,000 for public buildings, $8,000 for the River Assinaboine, and $6,000 for the indemnity of members. The vote for the last item was $200 each, but all but three of the members stood out against it, and the Government finally agreed to give $200 each, promising the additional $100 in supplementary estimates. The members insisted on having the estimate before the House increased to $600 each at once, and, after a hot discussion the Speaker ruled that the increase could only be made by a supplementary estimate as proposed by the Government. The Governor-General prorouged the Legislature with the usual ceremony.

THE BOYLSTON BANK ROBBERY.

Arrest of One of the Robbers in New-York—He is Held for Examination.

BOSTON, May 20.—The Boylston Bank robbery, committed during the night of Nov. 20, 1869, no doubt will be remembered. After all the evidence was gathered, the Grand Jury found an indictment against WILLIAM A. GLOVER, of New-York, as being implicated in the robbery, and the detectives made him the principal object of their search. On Thursday last the detectives arrested GLOVER in New-York, when, wishing not to give the arrest any publicity, a hack was called and the three entered and drove around the Central Park till 12 o'clock, when they took the train and arrived at Boston last evening. GLOVER is a young man, about twenty-nine years of age. He has a light complexion, blue eyes, and is quite slim. He was dressed neatly, but not flashily, carried a splendid gold watch and chain, and had about $600 about him when searched. He is married and very well off, and lives in a fine brown-stone-front house on East Forty-second-street, New-York, with his wife and child. Today GLOVER was held in $50,000 bail for future examination, charged with being a party to the Boylston Bank robbery.

The Recent Indian Massacres on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—The official reports of the military authorities of Arizona on the late massacre of the Apaches at Camp Grant are published by order of the Department commander. They charge that the Indians were peacefully engaged on their reservation, and were entitled to the protection of the United States as prisoners of war, and that of the whole number killed only eight were men, the others being women and children. The butchery is denounced as simply an unprovoked murder.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The Annual Meeting at Chicago—New Plans for Carrying on Benevolent Work—Full Report of the Committee of Twenty-one.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The most important report made to the General Assembly is that of the Committee of Twenty-one. The full text is as follows:

The Committee respectfully say to the Assembly that they held one session on the 30th and 31st of September, and another on the 8th and 9th of March, and the third on the 18th and 14th of April, when all the members were present (excepting three); and after a most careful consideration of the first branch of the subject, arrived, with almost entire unanimity, at the following conclusions: Our church having dispensed in a great degree with the paid agency system, the responsibility of developing and systematizing the liberality of our congregations and hastening their respective intervals of the church must necessarily devolve, under our denominational organization, on the members themselves, the deconate, sessions of the Presbyteries and Synods and such general superintending agencies as the Assembly may establish. The difficulty in the way to successfully accomplishing this work lies in the failure to bring the principles of our Presbyterian system into full operation through these agencies. To obviate this we propose in order to simplify, consolidate and unify various benevolent operations of the church, there shall be a general Commission, which shall have supervision over the benevolent work of the Church, subject to the General Assembly, to be composed of five delegates from each of the Boards of the Church, together with a delegate from each of the Synods, to be elected annually by ballot, which periodical delegates shall not only be the medium of communication between the Boards and Churches, but shall also be of right corresponding members of the several Boards, entitled to attend and deliberate with them as they see fit and convenient. This General Commission shall meet twice every year, on — day of November, when they shall consider the estimates for the ensuing year, and recommend what sum each Board shall raise for the use of the church, benevolent work, determine questions that may come up before them, and seek to awaken an interest and develop the benevolence of the Church, and on the — day of May, to learn the wants of the various objects of benevolence, mature plans for the ecclesiastical year, and receive the reports of the several boards, and their estimates of their necessities for the coming year. It shall then make a report to the General Assembly, of which a condensed report as to be printed in the appendix of the Assembly's minutes, the usual pamphlet form being dispensed with, and the Commission at its next meeting shall also receive as full and as near as possible, from the information derived from the reports then received from the Boards, and from those of the Presbytery and synodical committees, what proportion of the whole amount to be expended through the Boards, each Synod should be requested to contribute, an order to meet these estimates. The Board shall be four, Executive Boards appointed by the General Assembly, in three annual classes, with power to fill their vacancies; one for Home Work and one for Publication, each to consist of twenty-one members; and one for Foreign Work, and one of Benevolence and Finance, each to consist of fifteen members. The present Board of Foreign Missions shall discharge the duties of the foreign work as contemplated by this arrangement. The Board for Home Work shall discharge the duties now assigned to the present Boards of Home Missions, Education and Church Erection, and to the Committees on Freedmen and Ministerial Relief. The Board of Publication shall attend to the management of its appropriate work; it shall be conducted as a strictly business operation, sustaining itself in this with the present capital, such buildings as may be provided for it, from the profits on its sales and from donations and bequests. The Board of Benevolence and Finance shall be composed largely of business men of acknowledged skill in the management of financial affairs, with one treasurer; it shall have charge of the funds for the Home and Foreign work of the Church; it shall meet the drafts of each of the Boards as far as funds may have been received for it, as directed by the General Commission; it shall also be its duty to use all proper means to promote through out the Church a regular and systematic consecration of its property to the Lord. A treasurer shall be appointed by the General Commission, to be under the supervision and direction of the Board of Benevolence and Finance. When the General Commission is not in session, he shall be an ex-officio member and officer of the Board.

The Board of Foreign and Home Work, together with that of the Benevolence and Finance, shall be located in New-York, and the Board of Publication shall be located in Philadelphia, and these Boards shall be allowed to have such officers and assistants as may be necessary for the efficient and economical administration of their work, and shall submit a report of their work and its needs to each Spring meeting of the General Commission. In order to carry out this plan, let the General Assembly asjurn upon every Presbytery to appoint a standing Committee on the benevolent work of the Church, of which the stated clerk shall be Secretary, whose duty it shall be duty of this Committee to use all means in its power to have brought before all congregations of the Presbytery plans that may be recommended for securing contributions, and to give each pastor and session information of the wants of the various objects, and what is expected of each congregation; let every Presbytery be required to organize each pastor, stated supply and elder present at every stated meeting in the Spring and Fall whether the directions and recommendations on this subject have been complied with, recording the answer on the minutes. No church not complying with the directions of the Assembly to make a collection for foreign missions, home missions, education for the ministry and church erection, or such other objects as shall from time to time be laid upon them by the General Assembly, shall receive any aid from the funds of the Church, at least as often as once every six months. The stated clerks of Presbyteries shall report to the Board of Benevolence and Finance so far as they can in relation to the different objects for which contributions have been made by the churches within the limits of their respective Presbyteries, with the amount contributed for each, together with such other records and information as to the state of benevolence work of their churches and Presbyteries as shall seem necessary to them, or shall be called for by the General Commission or Board of Benevolence and Finance. These Committees shall also ascertain and report to the proper Boards, as well as to the synodical Committees, provided for in this place, what vacant churches and destitute neighborhoods within the bounds of the Presbytery need aid to support the Gospel, what unemployed ministers, licentiates and candidates are willing to become pastors, stated supplies, &c.; what amount of salary can be raised by the churches and neighborhoods respectively; and what additional amount will be needed to support the Gospel in each place; what church buildings and manses are necessary, how much can be raised at the place, and what amount will be needed from the church erection fund; and further, what candidates for the ministry ought to be received under the care of the Presbytery, and recommended for aid; and further still, what amount of contributions can probably be secured from each and all churches under the care of the Presbytery for different benevolent objects, which are prosecuted by the General Assembly; also each Synod shall appoint a Committee of Benevolent Work of the Church. These Synodical Committees shall be subject to instructions from the General Commission, exercise supervision over the Presbyterian Committees in their work, receive reports as above directed to be made to them, ascertain whether unemployed ministers, licentiates and candidates who reside within the bounds of their Synod can find work in other Presbyteries than their own, and, making a complete digest of all the information gathered on these subjects, shall report the same to the General Commission. Foreign Presbyteries and Synods, as also the more distant ones in the home field, may report in writing, when it is found impracticable or inconsistent to send delegates. Let the Assembly enjoin upon all churches the practice of periodical giving to all causes recommended by the General Assembly, according to the principles commanded in the Word of God, and more particularly in the specific direction of the Apostles in First Corinthians, sixteenth chapter and second verse: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." All the regulations of the General Assembly for the regulation of parts of the Church work here included, not inconsistent with the above, shall continue in operation, and all provisions that conflict with or are rendered unnecessary by the foregoing, shall be and are hereby annulled. The present arrangements for this Church work shall continue until the above Boards and General Commission are in operation. The General Assembly is recommended to appoint a delegate from each Synod to be a member of the General Commission and to hold office until such time as their places may be supplied by the regular elections in the respective Synods; and the Assembly is also requested to fix the time and place of the first meeting of the General Commission, and also instruct the churches that from and after such meetings, all contributions for the benevolent work of the Church must be sent immediately to the Treasurer. It is also recommended that the Assembly, in appointing a committee to nominate the members of the respective Boards, see to it that the several Synods are represented on such committee. It was resolved that the Assembly be recommended at once to incorporate the work now carried on on behalf of the freedmen with the work of the Home Mission under its respective departments. Lastly, in regard to the important subject of ministerial relief, the Committee, after careful inquiry, have concluded to recommend that this Assembly appoint a special committee for the further investigation, who shall put in requisition for the services of experts in the very difficult matter of life insurance, and having due regard to the valuable existing plans and preferences of our people, shall consider and report to the next General Assembly as to the practicability and desirableness of a plan by which each congregation may, in addition to the salary of its pastor, pay an annual premium for the assurance of his life. The percentage upon the salary is so arranged that part of it shall inure to the benefit of the ministers who cannot be thus provided for. Second, that the insurances shall be so arranged as not to be vitiated by transfers from one charge to another, and so as to benefit the disabled as well as the families of the deceased. Third, so as to include the advantages of the mutual plan of life insurance, and to combine if relief to ministers and their families should not in all cases be in the form of annuities. These suggestions, implying the modes and principles which are the subject of general inquiry, the Committee deem to be of importance in order to the adoption by our Church of a satisfactory plan for ministerial relief, all of which is respectfully submitted to the General Assembly.

The report was accepted, and made the second order for Wednesday.

Today's session of the Assembly was almost exclusively directed to the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Education. The report states that during the year there were 320 theological, 324 collegiate and 156 academic students. The receipts of the year were $70,619 29, and the payments to April 30, $70,449 17, leaving a small balance of $15,000 still due on the May appropriations. When these are paid nothing will remain to meet the Autumn and Winter payments, which would amount to $130,000. By the acts of the Legislatures of New-York and Pennsylvania, the two old boards are united, and the transfer of their property legalized.

Resolutions accompanying the report were adopted, recommending to the Synods the adoption of a standing order by each Presbytery to report what it has done for the Board of Education. An invitation from JOHN V. FARWELL, Mayor of the City of Lake Forest, for an excursion there next Thursday, was accepted. After arranging the order of proceedings for the coming week, the Assembly adjourned.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Capt. SHUFELDT reports that a thorough survey has been made of the Tehuantepec route, and he is satisfied that an inter-oceanic surface canal can be built across this isthmus, with no more expense than the importance of the work will justify. The surveys are entirely original, depending upon no previous explorations, and the supply of water is taken from a source never before thought of. The members of the party are arriving in the country by different steamers from Mexico and Havana.

The Federal Court adjourned at Nashville, Tenn., yesterday. During its term Mr. CROSS was convicted on nine indictments of collecting and appropriating pensions. His counsel moved for an arrest of judgment, and Judge TRIGG, after hearing the argument, postponed a decision until the next term of the Court, committing the prisoner to bail.

A detachment of Company L of the Seventy-first Regiment, New-York State National Guard, in charge of Second Lieut. ——, arrived at Baltimore, yesterday afternoon, to escort the body of Mr. WALLACE, of that company, for interment. They were met at the depot by Company C of the Fifth Maryland, who accompanied them to the cemetery.

In the matter of the Berdell bonds of the Boston, Hartford and Erie, held by the State of Massachusetts, the Legislative Committee has reported a resolution appropriating $75,000 to enable the Governor to join with the other bondholders in paying off the debt incurred by the trustees.

GOV. HOFFMAN, accompanied by Gov. WALKER, of Virginia, and staff, arrived at Norfolk yesterday morning. The party were invited the Navy-yard, and then proceeded to Fort Monroe, where they were the guests of Major-Gen. BARRY.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Hamilton County, Kentucky, have unanimously and cordially indorsed the Vallandigham platform, and recommended Hon. SAMUEL F. HUNT as Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

Col. DICKEY, of the firm of MORRIS, TAYLOR & Co., of St. Louis, while recently traveling with a companion in a buggy, was thrown from his horse by robbers near Clarksville, Ark., and dangerously wounded.

The first deposit of new bonds, on account of national bank circulation, was received at the Treasury yesterday, the amount being $50,000 from the People's National Bank of Winchester, Ill.

The New-York excursionists left St. Louis yesterday afternoon for the Indian country, via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, and will return by the Atlantic and Pacific road.

A Mrs. WITLER, at St. Louis, poured coal oil from a lamp on her fire yesterday, when her child was burned to death, and Mrs. WITLER is not expected to survive.

The Great Western Dispatch Company have entered into an agreement with the Erie Road by which, after June 1, all through freight business will be done in connection therewith.

ROBERT BONNER has accepted the challenge of the owner of the San Francisco horse to race Occident in June next for a purse of $50,000.

Sixty-five prominent Japanese have arrived at Chicago direct from Japan en route for Washington and the Eastern cities, thence to Europe and around the world.

JOHN HENNING has recovered $10,000 damages from the New-Orleans and Chattanooga Railroad for damages sustained by failing through an opening in the Company's wharf.

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Clerk to the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Pension Office.

The members of the High Joint Commission called at the White House, yesterday, to pay their partung respects to the President and family.

The certificate of incorporation of the California, Pacific and Eastern Extension Railroad will be filed to-morrow at San Francisco. The capital is fifty millions dollars.

The receiving-house of HANNA, CHAPIN & Co.'s oil-refinery exploded yesterday at Cleveland, Ohio. The concussion was felt in all parts of the city. Nobody was hurt.

A fire at Nashua, N. H., yesterday, destroyed several buildings and dwellings. The total loss is nearly $50,000. Twelve families are rendered homeless by the fire.

A son of ABRAHAM TUTTLE was drowned at Groton, N. Y., yesterday. He was in a small boat when a schooner ran into it.

EMMA HERDENWICK, aged fourteen, was, yesterday, burned to death at Cleveland by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The Massachusetts State Police bill, with the force reduced to seventy, has passed the House to engrossment.

The receipts at Washington of fractional currency for the week ending yesterday amounted to $230,000.

The Finance Committee of the Montreal Common Council has drafted a by-law granting $1,000,000 to the Northern Colonization Railroad.

A fire occurred at Duncanville, Ont., on Friday, destroying Simpson's Mills building. Loss, $15,000; no insurance.

The Illinois crops are looking finely, and the farmers are buoyant over the prospects.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in MOLSON'S sugar refinery, at Montreal. Loss, $8,000.

The aggregate subscriptions to the new loan yesterday were $69,200.

A Democratic Opinion of the World.

From the Brooklyn Eagle, May 18.

The *World* says it has not yet read the New-York Code Amendment bill. As the *Eagle* was the first to publish this bill in full several weeks ago, it follows that the *World* has neither the wisdom to reproduce nor the patience to peruse the news of the day. The consenting silence of the *World* as to this bill is not only discreditable to itself, but it also exhibits its signal failure to interpret the views of the Democracy of the State of New-York as expressed in their leading organs, the *Eagle*, the *Journal of Commerce* and the *Albany Argus*. The *World* once pinned itself on the championship of the freedom of the Press. If it does not oppose this pending measure, it will be more derelict than all of its influential contemporaries, irrespective of party, and so far to show that it weighs lightly the liberty of all the Press, and is unmanly and subservient, willing to subordinate its own independence to the encroachments of power from judicial sources. The *World* tries to make much of the fact that Mr. EVARTS and Republican newspapers which oppose and expose this bill did not denounce the Ruinous Rail Walk, the *World* did denounce that bill, and for the very reasons that ought to make it denounce the Code Amendment bill. If Mr. EVARTS' former silence was culpable, the *World's* present silence is both culpable and cowardly. The other side of the matter is puts to Republican threats wounds the *World's* hands.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Saturday, May 20, at 11:47 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer reduced to sea level.	Thermometer.	Dew Point.	Direction of the Wind.	State of the Weather.
Augusta, Ga.	30.09	66	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Baltimore	30.06	63	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Boston	30.05	62	S. W.	Gentle	Fair.
Buffalo	29.96	65	S. W.	Light.	Clear.
Chicago	29.86	70	S. W.	Fresh.	Threat'g.
Charleston	30.08	68	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Cleveland	29.99	67	S. W.	Light.	Clear.
Detroit, Mich.	29.97	64	S.	Light.	Clear.
Duluth, Minn.	29.80	71	.....	Calm.	Cloudy.
Key West	30.04	77	S. E.	Light.	Clear.
Lake City, Fla.	30.10	73	S. E.	Gentle.	Clear.
Memphis	29.97	73	S. W.	Fresh.	Threat'g.
Milwaukee	29.99	71	S. W.	Fresh.	Cloudy.
Nashville	29.92	71	S. E.	Light.	Cloudy.
New-London	30.15	62	S. W.	.....	Clear.
New-Orleans	30.05	74	S. E.	Fresh.	Fair.
New-York	30.11	66	S.	Light.	Clear.
Norfolk, Va.	30.07	68	S.	Light.	Clear.
Omaha, Neb.	29.88	68	.....	Calm.	Clearing.
Oswego	29.96	72	W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Philadelphia	30.12	66	S. W.	.....	Clear.
Pittsburg	29.99	64	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Portland, Me.	30.16	57	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Rochester, N. Y.	29.94	70	S. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Savannah	30.12	67	S. E.	Light.	Clear.
St. Louis, Mo.	29.92	73	S. E.	Light.	Rain.
Toledo, O.	29.96	67	S. W.	Light.	Clear.
Washington	30.10	66	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Wilmington	30.12	67	.....	Calm.	Clear.

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, May 20—7 P. M.—The weather has not changed sensibly at the Pacific and Rocky Mountains stations. The barometer remains high, but has fallen somewhat on the Atlantic coast. It remains low from Minnesota to Lake Michigan, and, as far as heard from, in the north-west. The temperature has risen from Lake Erie eastward, and has fallen in Wisconsin. Cloudy weather has continued in the Mississippi Valley, but has cleared away during the afternoon on the East Atlantic coast. The high winds with rain, which prevailed on Saturday night in Northern Michigan and Lake Superior, had this morning ceased. This evening's reports are not yet received.

PROBABILITIES.

Partially cloudy and clear weather will probably continue on Sunday on the Atlantic coast, and cloudy weather in the Mississippi Valley. No serious disturbance is apprehended for the lakes.

City Meteorological Record.

The following observations show the temperature, &c., for the past twenty-four hours at the Central Park Mineral Springs:

Temperature.	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	12 M.	3 P.M.	9 P.M.
Degrees, Fahrenheit	58	64	72	73	71
Stand of bar. in inches	30.15	.....	30.12	.....	30.11
Wet-bulb hygrometer at noon, degrees Fahrenheit.					64

TROTTING MATCHES.

A Capital Day's Sport at Fleetwood Park—Goldsmith Maid and Young Brume the Winners.

All the approaches to Fleetwood Park were thronged yesterday with the thousands who were on their way to witness one of the great sporting events of the season. The Grand Stand and the Club-house were packed to their utmost limits, and all the available points for seeing the contests, were one dense mass of humanity. The great event of the day was the $4,000 purse, free for all horses. There were four entries, entered in the name of *Goldsmith Maid, American Girl, George Palmer* and *Lucy*.

Two attempts to start were made, but the horses did not get off evenly. On the third trial, however, the word go was given as they passed the stand. *Palmer*, a little in advance, *Lucy* the *Maid* close after, and the *Girl* the last in the string. At the turn the *Girl* and *Lucy* had changed places, and *Palmer* being urged a little too fast, broke and fell back to third. The contest for the rest of the heat was between *Goldsmith Maid* and *American Girl*. The *Girl* passed the quarter-pole about a length ahead, in 40 seconds, and the half-mile in 1:09½. The *Maid* then made a rush, took the lead, and kept it to the stand, winning the heat by two lengths—the *Girl* second, *Palmer* third, and *Lucy* last. Time, 2:36.

The result of the race was now a foregone conclusion and but little money was invested. The *Maid* had the best of it in the start in the third heat, and never was headed but once, and then only for a moment, by the *Girl*, who lapped her as the half-mile pole, drew half a length in front amid thunders of applause, then settled back in her old place and came in one and six lengths behind the *Maid*, a head in front of *Lucy*, and ten lengths in front of *Palmer*. Time—Quarter, 33½ half, 1:10; mile, 2:22¾.

In the second heat the *Maid* was a greater favorite than even at the pool stand, and no money was laid against her except at long odds. The horses started in this heat in exactly the same position as in the first send-off, but *Goldsmith Maid* took the lead on the first turn, and making the pace a hot one led all the way around, and came in winner by three lengths, *Lucy* three lengths behind the *Girl*, and but a head in front of *Palmer*. Time—

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ROBIN.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

My old Welsh neighbor over the way
Crept slowly out in the sun of Spring,
Pushed from her ears the locks of gray,
And listened to hear the robin sing.

Her grandson, playing at marbles, stopped,
And cruel in sport, as boys will be,
Tossed a stone at the bird, who hopped
From bough to bough in the apple-tree.

"Nay," said the grandmother; have you not heard,
My poor lame boy, of the dairy maid
And how, drop by drop, this merciful bird
Carries the water that quenches it?

"He brings cool dew in his little bill,
And lets it fall on the scalds of sin;
You can see the mark on his red breast still
Of fires that scorch as he drops it in.

"My poor Bron rhuddyn! my breast-burned bird,
Singing so sweetly from limb to limb,
Very dear to the heart of Our Lord
Is he who pities the lost like Him!"

"Amen!" I said to the beautiful myth;
"Sing, bird of God, in my heart as well;
Each good thought is a drop wherewith
To cool and lessen the fires of hell.

"Prayers of love like rain-drops fall,
Tears of pity are cooling dew,
And dear to the heart of Our Lord are all
Who suffer like Him in the good they do!"

—*From the Atlantic Monthly for June.*

A MODEL ROMANCE.

"Sir," said Dr. JOHNSON, "let me show you a model."

"Oh, Mr. ORMOND, I am so tired of this position. I wish you could let me have a rest. Do—there's a good fellow—please."

"Wait just five minutes, POLLY, till I've done this bit of your head. Don't move—just one minute more. I'm getting it right now, and then we'll knock off for a bit."

The request was the request of a model; the answer was the answer of a painter. The model reclined, in a half-kneeling attitude, apparently at the foot of a cross. Her clasped hands were uplifted; her eyes were upraised pathetically; her long hair streamed down, flowingly, over neck and shoulders; a loose white sort of shirt clothed her to the waist; below was a reddish-brown skirt, skilfully disposed as "drapery," in artful folds. The whole attitude and expression represented—and represented well—imploring agony combined with tender despair. The bare arms were beautifully posed; the eyes gleamed with a sublime splendor.

The painter—my friend Frank Ormond, A. R. A.—is working with quiet excitement at his easel. His figure is tall; he wears the velvet coat of his craft; he—but why describe him? Everybody knows Frank Ormond. Let that pass.

And now, reader, while painter and model (the attitude was a trying one) have "knocked off" work for a little rest, while he lights a pipe, and she, yawningly, stretches her stiff and weary limbs, let us look round us at the delicious litter of a painter's studio.

The house is old, and dates, probably from Queen Anne's days. It has, no doubt, been the habitation of nobles of that period. You cannot see much of the walls, but look at the doors, at the painted ceiling, at the splendid marble mantle-piece. Look at the deep window-places and tall, thickly-casked windows. It is a house which Hogarth might have used for the residence of Lord Squanderfield.

The studio is a large, three-windowed room, cold and bare of aspect. The backs of canvases framed with deal lie about like bits of scenes out of use, and suggest somewhat the coulisses of a theatre. A lay figure, with a wooden fixedness of aspect, its head reminding one of a ship's figure-head, sits in a renaissance chair, and wears a thirteenth-century costume. This figure forms the principal still-life object in the room. In one corner it exposes the upper part of an old suit of armor, the dull and dented breast-plate surmounted, in a rather drunken way, by a rust-red helmet. A bell-hilted rapier, temp. Elizabeth, which, says Frank, might have belonged to Raleigh, leans against the wall, and near it is a small-sword which suggests the tea-cup times of Anne, the flowing wig and stiff skirts, the figure of Addison, or the brawling Mohocks who stopped Swift's chair. From the open door of a richly-carved dark *armoire* depends a Japanese robe. Plaster casts of feet and hands, busts, masks, and a torso, with the muscles strongly accented by dust, are sprinkled about, and contrast chalkily with the color of hangings, bits of silk dresses, and a remnant of tapestry. Two old fans, one broken, and both grievously damaged, lie across the arms of a magnificent antique chair, which has a seat of faded crimson velvet, on which rest a Spanish mandolin and one bottle-glove; while a strip of yellow Chinese silk has slipped down on to the floor. A stuffed monkey, with a perennially diabolical smile upon a swollen visage, balances uneasily upon lean with a padded look about them, while a stuffed owl stares ghastly in sullen gravity. The bust of one Roman Emperor is crowned with a Vandyke hat, and a white petticoat is supported by two Velasquez boar-spears. A very handsome oak-table, with massive legs, is covered with Venetian glasses and Flemish bottles, with "pots" of various sorts, comprising Gris de Flandres, Satsuma jars, and the blue lange Lizen, or six-mark Japanese ware, while an exquisite little Japanese cabinet is created by a handful of peacock's feathers. Sketches in charcoal and in oils, copies of world-renowned pictures, studies, unfinished paintings, are strewn about in picturesque and grotesque confusion; and, finally, at one end of the room, with the best light falling full upon it, stands the guillotine-like easel on which rests the picture of the hour, the canvas which absorbs all Frank Ormond's thoughts and is freighted with all his ambition, the picture upon which he is now working. And so the happy painter works from year to year—labor, completion, weariness, fruition, recommencement. His whole work and hope are concentrated, for the time, upon the picture with which he remains face to face for many lonely months. It is finished at last, finished just when it must be completed in order to be sent in to the Academy; and then the reaction of lassitude after long tension begins. His work has gone out from him; the painter feels weary of the picture over which he has felt so many fluctuations of depression and defiance. It has absorbed so much of himself that he cannot judge it truly; he alternates between confidence and despondency; he sighs half with regret half in relief, as his distracting darling is carried forth from his doors. Then he relaxes the long strain of anxious labor; he amuses himself, and half forgets his art; he works but little, if at all. The picture gets well hung; then comes the private view, with the critics; then the public crowding about the shining rows in the splendid gallery; then follow the favorable notice, the praise of friends, the sneer of "brother" rivals; then all this ceases away, until, after due relaxation, the painter recommences with renewed ardor his work so beautiful and loved. A painter, by the way, has one great advantage over an author—he is sure of his spectators, of his public. If his work be hung in a good exhibition it is sure to be seen by all those whom the painter would wish to see it. An author has to go to his readers; but his spectators always come to a painter.

Meanwhile Frank, twisting his moustache as he gazes on his picture, and now and then throwing in a deft and rapid touch of the brush, is waiting until his model shall have rested in order to go on.

"Bother the skirt!" cries that young person, who, with a view to warming herself, has been dancing about the studio trying a burlesque pas which she had seen on the previous evening at the theatre. "There, Mr. Ormond, I'm rested now. On we go again!"

The little model interested me, both in her individualism and as a member of a class which furnishes to the artist the material-ism of the romantic. I tried to learn something of her history, but I succeeded only sketchily and in a piecemeal manner. Her name was Polly Brown. She was distinctly pretty and piquante. She possessed among her various merits as a model, very long and beautiful brown hair, which she knew how to disinvest and tumble down far below her waist in a flow of romantic distress. Her eyes, brown also, were large and full of soft fire; and the little monkey had a trick of rendering them plaintive and pathetic in expression, so that she was particularly valuable as a model for young heroines in distress, virgin-martyrs, betrayed beauties, and the like. Her complexion was that of a light brunette; had she lived more in the country, her cheeks would, it is probable, have shown a little flush of tender red through the pale, soft olive of her *teint*. She had a nice little nose; the mouth was good, though perhaps a little large, but she knew how to purse it up and to draw the corners down so as partially to conceal this little defect. The shape of the little half-arch, half-tender face was a fine oval, and the head was remarkably well set on. She was good in profile, but better as a three-quarter face with upturned eyes. Her hands and feet were small, and the figure, though a trifle *petite*, was round and well shaped. Her manner was always merry, but never boisterous, and the girl had innate tact and taste.

"Yes," observed Frank, critically, "she is a first-rate model, in her line. It is only when you see a good deal of her that you detect the least little soupçon of vulgarity, which comes, no doubt, from her mother. Do you know I rather like that little suspicion of plebianism; it shows that her base touches the people. She is good, you know, for historical heroines. She is in fact, fit for what actors call the juvenile tragedy line of business. Do you remember my Olivia in the Vicar of Wakefield? Well, she sat, and did splendidly, for that. She's always punctual and pleasant to deal with; she's lively and frisky, but never rude, and she's really a good little girl. Out of all the models I know, she's about the best. I like little Polly; if you want to please her you've only got to send her to the play."

The little model had considerable imitative and dramatic talent, and readily picked up the trick of her trade. She quickly caught a painter's idea, and produced the expression, or caught the attitude, which his purpose required. She had a little feminine voice, almost as exquisitely dainty as Marie Wilton's, and had conquered that difficulty, so great to one of her class, of a good pronunciation.

Polly's mother was house-keeper in a set of chambers. She had been on the stage in her youth, and retained a strong passion for the theatre. Of her father I could learn nothing. Polly herself, in her early girlhood, had been theatrical. She danced as a fairy in pantomimes, and formed one of a child-group of peasants, or what not, as required by the ballet-master; but, to her great disappointment, she never could obtain a "speaking part." One Winter a severe illness threw her out of her usual employment. When she recovered she found no opening in the theatre, and she was, for a short time, driven to resort to sewing. She was then engaged in the extensive and prosperous out-fitting establishment of Messrs. Abednego and Melchisedek; but this miserably-paid drudgery did not long suit Miss Polly. She was unhappy, and grew desperate, or rather determined. Sanguine in her youthful hopefulness, she suddenly discharged herself, and trusted to the chapter of accidents. One day, when very poor, Polly strolled into the Park. Sitting down upon a bench still and quiet as an Artic Winter night, she thought and thought what she could do, what she should do, to earn her living. It was early Spring; the painters were hard at work for the Academy, and good models were scarce. Frank Ormond happened to be passing by. He wanted a girl-model, and his painter's eye was struck by little Polly's face and figure. He spoke to her, and proposed that she should come and sit to him. Polly consented, and went the next morning to his studio. She had found a new trade, which she rather liked, and which, as she gradually acquired a connection among painters, paid her moderately well. She grew attached to the free and easy Bohemian ways of the studio, and was soon launched as a well-known and popular "model" in which capacity, while sitting for Joan of Arc, I first made her acquaintance. Polly, by the way, always had a superstition about the park, and believed that it was a place which "brought her good luck." "I first met you, Mr. Ormond, in the park," she used at times to say, "and I am sure that some day some great good fortune will happen to me in that dear old park. I often sit upon that bench where you first saw me. Ah, I was badly off then!"

The life of a model is not without perils and temptations to a young girl; but Polly trod safely her rather dangerous path with a firm, tight step. Her innocence was not ignorance; for she saw and heard a great deal, and understood all that she saw or heard. Without protectors or advisers, lonely but self-reliant, the girl walked along the edge of unfenced precipices circumspectly and shrewdly. She was ardent, and perhaps ambitious, but had a certain intensity of will and quiet force of character which held her upright. Very unconsciously, the little lowly thing was a sort of worldly heroine.

Natural character, and the influences of the circumstances which surrounded and moldad it, produced some rather complex contradictions and problems in our model. Seen in some aspects, you would have pronounced her to be a little good-for-nothing; merry and pleasant, indeed, but worthless. Yet you would have judged her wrongly had you based an opinion upon the superficial trivialities which she turned outside. She never made any pretence of goodness; she rather took pains to show her worst side, to appear much worse than she really was. She had naturally a light, silly side to her character, and she emphasized her levity in all it's absurdities, as if to conceal from others, as she showed it herself to others. Nor was she, at times, wholly free from passing thrills of temptation; but, like the needle of the compass, which, though it vibrates tremulously, yet ultimately points always rightly, she gravitated back infallibly to good. A creature by no means too bright or good for human nature's daily food, there was in her that "mystic sense of right" which so stirred the enthusiasm of the German philosopher. Exposed to so much danger, sustained by so little help against evil, some unseen power kept this girl always really pure and good. She had, no doubt, a *tendresse* for Frank Ormond, but then her shrewd, practical sense showed her that there was, as she termed it, "no use" in indulging such a feeling; and, taught by the hard lessons of her life, she had learned to repress, to restrain, and to forego.

One morning, when Frank was just finishing his well-known picture of the execution of Lady Jane Grey, in which Polly, of course, "sat" for the victim Queen, the young lady, at the conclusion of the sitting, said very quietly:

"You won't want me any more, Mr. Ormond. You've finished that picture, head and all, now. I'm glad of it, because I shouldn't be able to come to you again."

"Not come again, Polly—why not? I suppose you are very full of engagements just now; but you mustn't throw me over. I shall want you next for my Dorothea."

"I'm very sorry, Mr. Ormond, but I shan't ever be able to come again."

"Not be able to come again—what the deuce do you mean, Polly?" asked Frank, rather pettishly, as he "relieved" the headsman with a deft touch. "I suppose you're getting too rich!—no, it can't be that. You must come. There's no model at all like you for some of my work. Ah, I see! You've been spooning with some fellow or in trouble, eh, Miss Poll?"

"No," replied the young lady, with demure dignity, "no trouble, thank you, Mr. Frank. The fact is—I can't come, because—because I'm going to be married."

"Married—whew!" cried the painter, facing round from the easel, and taking his pipe out of his mouth. "Married, Polly! I never heard about that—who is it? What sort of a fellow? A good one, I hope, for your sake."

"Never mind, Mr. Frank," responded Miss Polly, composedly. "Perhaps you'll know some day, but not now. Thank you for all your kindness, Mr. Ormond. You've always been very kind to me, and I—I like you very much. Yes; I'm doing very well, thank you. He is a good fellow—I like him, and I mean to be—that is, I shall be very happy. But when I tell you I can't come to sit again any more, it is quite true."

Frank Ormond looked disappointed. He did not like losing his models, as a rule, for reasons of the sanctuary, and there was a sneer in his tone as he said:

"I suppose, Polly, you have caught some old fool, who is taken with a pretty face, and your union will be about as incongruous as woodbine twining round a wooden leg."

"Think what you like, Mr. Ormond," said little Polly, calmly. "I know what you think, but never mind that. I shall tell you nothing about it. I only came to-day" (Polly was tying on her bonnet) "because I knew you wanted me to finish your Lady Jane Grey. That's done now, and I must say good-bye. I'am very grateful to you, Frank, I am, indeed, for all your kindness. I'm sorry to have to give up coming to the studio—I liked the life—but it's all over now. Thank you—six shillings; yes, that's right. My career as a model is ended. Once more—good-bye, Mr. Frank!"

She shook hands cheerily, and then shut the studio door for the last time.

The strange thing was, that the little witch really had made a good marriage. She had won the affections of a good man, of position and property. The reticent little monkey never, I believe, told any one about her courtship, or the progress of it; but once, some time after, she betrayed herself so far as soulfully to tell Frank, when she met him in society, that the whole thing began "in the Park, in that dear old Park; on the old bench—you know;" and this was the alpha and omega of her confession. Many studios were for a time corroded by curiosity; but time had to wear this feeling away without other artificial solacement. Some painters expressed anger at losing their little model; others expressed perplexity at her rise in life; but no one could drop a hint against her fair fame, and, as she had been generally liked, many good wishes accompanied her change of position.

Like that Mattie, sometimes a "near cousin o' the Laird of Limmerfield's," and who, when elevated to the position of Mrs. Baillie Nicol Jarvie, "behaved excellently in her exaltation," little Polly made a model wife. She had all a woman's pliability, adaptability and tact; and she soon picked up the style and manner necessary to her new position. She is naturally grateful, and adds to a little touch of woman's pride; pride in herself, and pride for her husband. She wished to make her husband happy, and was determined that he should not have to blush for his choice. She set to work, too, to educate herself in her way. Having a strong motive to impel her, and great natural quickness, she soon succeeded in acquiring a respectable veneer of culture; and Frank Ormond, who meets her from time to time, told me that she had developed and improved in an altogether surprising manner. I believe that she succeeded, without apparent effort, in educing from Mr. Frank the respect due to their new position, rather than the familiarity likely to arise from their old relations, and yet she was quite frank, and kind, and natural, with him.

"By Jove!" cried Frank, "when I took her down to dinner the other day at the Bowards', I could hardly believe that the self-possessed lady-like woman by whom I was sitting had ever been the little monkey that used so often to dance burlesque dances about my studio! But women are wonderful creatures, sir. Their knowledge of the world beats ours. If they were only as good actresses on the stage as they are off it, the dramatic art would be in a fine way."

Success ripens and improves some natures; and little Polly was decidedly improved by good fortune. She was always pretty, but as I saw her the other day in the Park, looking out, probably not without thoughts for a certain bench, reclining easily in her carriage, she appeared positively elegant and *distingué*. She was particularly well-dressed, and had a piquant touch of *grande dame* in her manner.

Does any one who has ever really belonged to Bohemia pass out of it into Philistia, or, even into higher regions, without an occasional retrospect of regret and a backward glance, coupled with a sigh?

Did Polly, lolling upon her easy carriage cushions, ever look back with a tinge of sadness to the days in which she used to trudge on foot, through mud and rain, to the stage door, or to the painters' studio? What does she think when she visits the Royal Academy? How does she feel when she goes to the theatre? Does she ever speculate upon the new model (the golden-haired one) who now sits to Frank Ormond? Does she, as she gazes upon the "Amaranthine Bowers of Boundless Joy," recall the feelings of the figurantes who, clothed in sheeny tinsel, float ethereally upon iron supports in the ideal atmosphere of blue and red lights? I do not know; I have no hint which would enable me to solve the problem; but I am assured that she is gratefully happy in her married life; and that, as a wife, she is still a *model*.

H. SCHUTZ-WILSON.

—*London Society.*

SALAD MAKING AS A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.—When many of the French nobility were refugees in England during the first years of that revolution of '93, which has not yet come to an end, they found various ways of living. The most singular man (as well as the most singular way of life on the part of a refugee) was the noble Chevalier D'AUBIGNE. In the deepest of his distress, he was asked by an English friend to dine at a tavern. At that time we used to eat our lettuces just as we now do water-cress, with a little salt, and nothing else. D'AUBIGNE took the lettuce that was placed on the table, and proceeded to make a salad after the fashion of his country. The other guests in the room curiously watched the work and the artist. They sniffed up the refreshing air of a *mayonnaise*, and when the Chevalier and his friend had consumed the delicious mixture with an air of intense satisfaction, a guest from another table approached the former, and said: "Sir, it is well known that salad is made properly only by your genius nation. Would it be too much to ask of your courtesy to mix one for me and the three other gentlemen at your table?" The Chevalier accordingly assented. He went over, mixed the salad to their taste, made himself the while as agreeable as the salad, and just intimated, by the way, that he was a noble refugee without means of buying for himself what he mixed so well for others. The chief of the guests whom he had thus served pressed his hand at parting, and left a guinea in it. A golden idea was dropped at the same moment into the Chevalier's brain; he gave his address to the donor of the guinea. The meaning thereof was thoroughly understood. A few days later, D'AUBIGNE received a letter, inviting him to repair to a ducal mansion for the purpose of preparing a salad for a large dinner-party, as it was understood it was his profession to do. D'AUBIGNE presented himself with alacity, and when the task was completed, he asked five pounds for the achievement. That completed the conviction of the party that he was an invaluable artist in salads. He could scarcely answer the demands made upon him. In a brief space of time he was to be seen in a little carriage, with an attendant, in whose care was a mahogany case containing separate ingredients for the concocting of various sorts of salads according to different tastes and requirements. Subsequently, he sold similar cases as fast as he could supply them, with instructions for the benefit of patrons at a distance. Fortune, in short, rolled in upon him. He was a saving and a prudent man. The Chevalier put away eighty thousand francs by salad-making! Sixty thousand of that sum he invested in the funds when he returned to his native country. With the other twenty thousand he bought a castle and an estate—that is to say, of course, a country-cottage and a garden, and lived at least as happily as if he had made it all by bloodshed and pillage in war.—*Temple Bar.*

CROMWELL AND THE INTERCEPTED LETTER.—At the Blue Boar Inn, No. 270 Holborn, is said to have occurred the event which decided CROMWELL to finally break with that faithless and utterly unreliable King. CHARLES I. IRETON and CROMWELL having intercepted a letter from HENRIETTA MARIA, then in France, reproaching her husband, whom she ruled, with having made unworthy concessions, knew that the King's answer would tell everything and disclose his whole policy. It was to be sewn up in the skirt of a saddle, and the bearer of it was to come, carrying this saddle on his head, to the Blue Boar in Holborn at 10 of the clock on a certain night to take horse for Dover. The messenger himself would not know the treasure the saddle contained, for those were ticklish times. CROMWELL and IRETON, at Windsor at the time, were prompt men of action. They at once resolved to dress as troopers, and with one faithful Ironside to go to the inn, placing their man-sentinel at the wicket. They then roasted for cans of beer, and sat drinking in a stall till news came that the man had arrived, and was leading out his saddled nag. Then, instantly, drew their swords, and went up to him, telling him they were sorry to search all who went in or out of the inn; but as he looked like an honest man, they would only search his saddle and then dismiss him. They upon this unrip the saddle, and carrying it into the stall where they had been drinking, ripped open the skirt and found the fatal letter. It contained the King's declaration that he would keep no faith with the rogues, who in due time, "instead of a silken garter, should be fitted with a hempen cord." CROMWELL frowned; he was a man of truth, that was enough. No more parley with the King; but the sword of the Lord and of Gideon to be drawn, and never re-sheathed. They delivered the saddle again to the innocent man, told him he was an honest fellow, and bade him go about his business; so on he rode to Dover, innocent of all four play. Lord ORRERY tells this story; and Lord ORFORD, according to *Richardsoniana*, assured Lord BOLINGBROKE that he had read that very letter, and even offered £500 for it. It is very likely true; but it is false that CROMWELL had ever consented to restore CHARLES to power on a promise of the Garter, £10,000 a year and the earldom of Essex. CROMWELL was not the man to look back when he had once set his hand to the plow. This part of the story is a mere Cavalier slander, and false as one of CHARLES' promises.—*Belgravia.*

HIGHLAND SUPERSTITIONS.—The Highlanders are a highly-imaginative people, as even the transient tourist may ascertain, who spends only a few days among them. Even their religion is deeply tinged with it. Their religious faith is something radically different, at least in many instances, from the faith of ordinary Christians. They not only believe in prayer being answered, they believe that in answer to the prayers of some of the more deeply "exercised" among them, the laws of nature are sometimes suspended, and miracles performed. Those, however, who are thus favored are only the select few—the religious *corps de la crème*.

There are hundreds of settlements on this side of the Atlantic where these superstitions are held to as firmly as in the very heart of the Highlands. They have changed the scene, not their faith, who have crossed the sea. One old man of my acquaintance, when hard pressed in arguments, used to admit that fairies might possibly not have got across the Atlantic yet—he could not point to any well-ascertained case in which they had been met with; but as to their being in the "old country," only persons ignorant of the facts of the case would deny that.

Almost every Scottish Highlander believes in the power possessed by some persons of what is called "second sight." Persons possessed of this power can see, when the vision is vouchsafed to them, what no one else can see. They behold and are conscious of the presence of the "wraith" when persons in their company, and looking toward the same spot, can see nothing but the empty void.

It is difficult to discover what is actually meant by this "wraith" of a living person; that is to say, what they who fancy they see it, and believe in its existence, really understand by it. We can have some conception of the ghost or spirit of a dead person, after its being separated from the body, refuse we within ourself to view it though of course it is altogether another thing to believe that it does so, but seems something very like a contradiction to say that a man can see his own spirit or "wraith," distinct from and beside himself.

The Highlandman is a firm believer in the existence of witches. He would no more refuse to believe in his own existence as theirs. He points you triumphantly to the story of "the witch of Endor," and to St. Paul's enumeration of "witchcraft" among "the works of the flesh." And looked at from this point of view, it must be confessed, his case does not seem so doubtful, as on other grounds it might be made to appear.

But the Highlander has other proof than Scripture for his faith. He can point you to their works, as an evidence of their power. The old woman with the black cat is not with him the mere creature of romance. She is a personage as real as are any of his other neighbors. He can point you to several of them among his acquaintance, some indeed comparatively harmless, but others utterly abandoned to the devil.

It is curious to observe, as a phase of human nature, that the religious Highlander, who would shrink with horror from the practice of the "black arts," as he calls them, of fortune-telling, or from having his future read for him by the shuffling of cards—believing that these are simply and directly from the devil—exercises as sincere and confident a faith in the certainty of the signs and omens which are the tradition of his own race, as he does in the constancy of nature's laws. We laugh at the simplicity of the South Sea Islander, who wears a chain of cowrie-shells about his neck, to protect him from the spells and sorceries of witchcraft; but what are we prepared to say of a learned Professor of Divinity, once the pastor of an influential and intelligent metropolitan congregation, carrying about in his pocket for weeks, for good luck, the tip of a bear's tongue. How it could possibly affect his fortune, either for good or evil, he would probably be as unable to explain as we are to conjecture. But his forefathers had handed down the belief; it was received implicitly among his countrymen; and that was enough to invest it with a character of sacredness in his eyes. It has the appearance, however, of having come down, like many other Highland superstitions, from Pagan times.

The superstition with regard to lucky or unlucky days has, like that last referred to, descended from Pagan times. It is one which maintains very extensively among the Highlanders of Scotland. "The fishermen of the Orkneys," we are told by Sir JOHN SINCLAIR, "in many days of the year, will neither go to sea in search of fish, nor perform any sort of work at home." In times not further back than those of ELIZABETH, the most intelligent leading English statesmen founded the rules of their own life and the precepts they delivered to their children, upon the division of the calendar into lucky or unlucky days. These had doubtless descended in natural and legitimate succession from the white and black days of their Pagan ancestors.

To the same origin must be ascribed the prevalence of a belief, among the Scottish Highlanders, in the influence, upon the fortunes of men, of the first day of the year. New Year's Day is regarded by them as having a very intimate bearing upon the experience of the twelve months to succeed it. It is a matter of serious moment, whether for good or for evil, whether the first person met on New Year's morning be a man or a woman. If a man all may be expected to go well, but if one of the other sex, the result may be regarded as serious. The kind of weather experienced on that day is supposed to determine the weather of the remaining part of the winter; though in strange contrast to this the weather of Christmas Day is looked upon as the reverse of that which may be expected to follow. The employments, too, of the first day of the year will be continued more or less throughout it; and in consequence the Highlander is always careful to regulate his engagements on that day with a view to good results.

Very similar to these, are the beliefs entertained with regard to certain events and occurrences, about the season of Spring. To see for the first time the young of any animal with its face turned toward us is considered a good omen, but if its face is turned in the opposite direction, we may anticipate some bad luck in store for us.—*Stewart's Quarterly.*

TRAINING.—Nothing as a rule is more absurd than to watch a man in a state of training. The system of training is often very arbitrary, and men have to submit to be sworn at, as though they were pickpockets, in case they have been detected in eating pastry. But training is absolutely necessary; and it would be a good thing if the whole British race of gourmand and gourmet would submit to it. By training a man is able to do easily and with little effort what otherwise he might be unable to do, even after a dangerous spasmodic effort. In training a man picks up his first general notions about his health, and the relations which his outward belongings bear to it. There is a great difference, however, between the way in which a University man trains and in which a "cad" trains. A University man has to knock off his feed, but a poor man has to feed up—to imbibe the port and porter which the other must not touch. The prohibitions used to be remorseless, and the rules frequently vexatious; but men are now more sensible, and base their dietary on the food to which a man has been accustomed. Condiments are forbidden, as they provoke thirst, and formerly a man was limited in his fluids, but the barbarous and distressing custom of "stinting the liquor" is pretty generally given up. Smoking is limited, but not altogether forbidden. The trainer shews a great deal of good sense, which society at large might profitably imitate. Take plenty of sleep, but not too much. don't get up too early; mind and tub; take tea in preference to coffee, and never touch spirits; don't take thick crusts, or cheese, or sugar, or butter. Sea-bathing is best, and next to that a weir or running stream, but avoid still water. The trainer judiciously pronounces that venison and champagne are the best possible diet for the trainee. There is a superstition in favor of eggs, which are said to improve the wind. It must be remembered that in training, a man has to unbuild his ordinary heart and lungs, and build up another set that shall be most adapted for the special object which he has in view. The simple object is to redmce the fat and get up the muscle. Severe training often knocks up a man severely but still oftener the going out of training, the violent indulgence in everything which has been forbidden, does much more harm. The training for athletic sports is quite as severe as for the boat-race. If there is a distinguishable shade, it is more severe.—*London Society.*

HUNTING LODGINGS IN ROME.—There can't be many things in this world so bewildering as looking after lodgings in Rome. In the first place, the door into which you enter at the beginning looks like the very dirty and neglected entrance to some old warehouse on a wharf, in a city where there has not been any business for a hundred years. You stand there a minute and say, "Oh, dear!" (especially if you have already been up five or six hundred steps that morning.) "I do wish they would tell on their cards how many rooms there are!" Perhaps we shall find somebody on the third floor who can tell us. Not a bit of it; up flight after flight you crawl; on each floor is one great grim iron door, with a ring and a chain hanging outside. You have no business to pull the ring on any floor but the floor with which your business is; and if you did, they wouldn't know anything about any floor but their own. Each floor is its own house, as much as if it were six miles off from any other floor. When you get up to the one hundred and seventh stair you would be so glad to sit down, but you can't. They don't put chairs or benches in these grim passages, and the stairs are all stone. You can't sit on them, not if you are half dead; so you lean up against the wall and get your black cloak all white and cobwebbed, while you wait for the mysterious chain and ring, which you have pulled, to bring forth an answer. Then the great door creaks and opens, and you get breath enough to ask if they have furnished rooms to let, and if there are three bedrooms, with sun and fire. After a little while you learn that it makes no difference whether they have or have not; they always say, *Sì, sì, signora.* Before you learn this, you go in quite gayly and think you have it right. Then you see one great bedroom with two beds, and one little one, no matter of which the sun has apparently ever been; a fine parlor, with stands of artificial roses under high glass cases, no end of china figures sitting around; usually about twenty frightful pictures on the walls; in the dining-room there is a great display of glass and china on the table, and the Padrone, if he is at home, and the Padrona, and the one or two or three daughters, all dawn at the heel and down at the neck, and huddled up somehow with pins and strings in the middle, and looking like ragmen and rag-women, begin to talk, all at once, with their tongues and their shoulders and their fingers; and they tell you that the sun shines at some impossible hour of the day, at some impossible angle, into all three rooms; and that two beds in one bedroom are exactly the same thing as two bedrooms with a bed in each; and that their linen and their silver and their furniture are "so much, so much," and "so fine, so fine," and they smile and show white teeth, and their eyes are such a lovely brown-black, that you are in some danger of believing them; and then if you say you must have a "free kitchen," which means simply that they are not to have the use of your tea and sugar and bread, they shrug their shoulders, and look at each other with such an expression of injury, that you feel like an awful sneak yourself—just as if you had stolen all your life, and for all that you know that you are the honest one, and they steal, and you know she rooms won't do at all, and you edge along to the door; and then the faces of the Padrone and the Padrona and the daughters all grow black, and the white teeth go down their throats apparently, they disappear so absolutely and forever; and as you fairly step out at the door, if you wish to know the true character of the people you might have lived with, turn around quickly and look at the faces which have settled down, behind your back.—*From the Atlantic Monthly for June.*

SACRED HAWKS.—Whenever the sacred hawk died its body was handed over to the embalmer, and subsequently deposited in a sacred tomb. It mattered not where or how it had met its death. In common with other sacred animals it was wrapped in linen cloths, and followed to the grave by a procession of mourners, whose outward signs of grief were shown by beating their breasts, and by such voluntary penances as testified to the veneration with which these animals were held. Even the hawks which died in foreign countries were embalmed and brought to Egypt. I have seen nothing on the monuments at all like the sparrow-hawk, which Sir J. G. WILKINSON names the kestrel. The latter does not prey on birds, but is almost partial to beetles, and in particular the sacred scarabæus, which it finds in abundance along the slimy cracks of the river. The sparrow-hawk, kites, and the hooded crow wage a perpetual warfare on the little kestrel, which, screams lustily as the others pounce past him. Again, as the kite is stooping on his quarry, the hooded crow on one side, and a kestrel on the other, obliges him to forego his hold. The crow is a bold marauder, and may be seen disputing priority with the bald-headed vultures around the carcass of an ox or camel.—*Notes of a Naturalist in the Nile Valley and Malta.*

REUNIONS OF LADY BLESSINGTON.—Seamore-place, the Villa Belvidere at Naples, the Palazzo Negrone at Rome, Gore House Kensington—all these have successively been immortalized by the brilliant Countess, to the first of whose residences as above enumerated we now propose introducing the reader. It is the height of the London season some forty years since, and we are standing in a long library in the mansion in Seamore-place, whose sides are alternately covered with rows of magnificently-bound books, and gorgeously-framed mirrors. The window, which is deep and runs the entire breadth of the room, opens upon Hyde Park. We have before us a letter written by a gentleman at the time describing his introduction to Lady BLESSINGTON in this very room, and from that letter we will venture to quote: "The picture to my eye as the door opened was a very lovely one; a woman of remarkable Beauty, half-buried in a fauteuil of yellow satin, reading by a magnificent lamp suspended from the centre of the arched ceiling; sofas, couches, ottomans and busts arranged in rather a crowded sumptuousness through the room; grand tables covered with expensive and elegant trifles in every corner; and a delicate white hand relieved on the back of a book, to which the eye was attracted by the blaze of its diamond rings. As the servant mentioned my name, she rose and gave me her hand very cordially, and a gentleman entering immediately afterward, she presented me to Count D'ORSAY, the well-known Pelham of London, and certainly the most splendid specimen of a man, and a well-dressed one, that I had ever seen." There was no other room in Europe which could boast of witnessing more brilliant reunions than those which were then in the habit of frequently assembling in that library in Seamore-place. Subsequently Gore House, to which the Countess of BLESSINGTON removed in 1836, was graced by a company more distinguished perhaps than that which met at her first residence, but not more brilliant or attractive. The illustrious hostess was tried by troubles and cares which oppressed her manner if they did not visibly cloud her face. She had ceased to speak of books with attractive diffidence, or of men with deference. Her manner was dogmatic, and her perpetual strain after epigram and smartness was sometimes unwelcome and always apparent. A higher class of intellectual celebrities met at her soirees than formerly. The rendezvous themselves had lost their old enlivening gayety, and the droll humor which filled the library at Seamore-place with constant laughter was altogether lost in the *salons* of Gore House.—*London Society.*

BIRD MIGRATIONS.—It seems inexplicable how many birds find their way back to exactly the same haunts of the previous year, and this is more extraordinary when we consider the distance between their Winter and Summer retreats. I have often wondered how tiny warblers find their way from Northern Europe to Central Africa, and at the very short time spent by certain birds on their journey. The cuckoo appears in England just as soon as we find it in Southern Italy. It has seemed to me that bird migrations may be performed in the following ways: Such birds as push furthest inland at one point do not go so at the other. For example, the swallows and insectivorous birds that frequent Northern Europe may content themselves with the climate of Algeria and Lower Egypt, while the rest from Italy and Southern Europe push to equatorial latitudes, and vice versa. A great many warblers from Northern Europe spend their Winter in the South and in the islands of the Mediterranean, while the majority go still further southward. But why should individuals of the same species remain in cold climates when others migrate to warm countries? For example, the redbreast braves the severest Winters in Britain, while the robins of Southern Europe migrate to Africa, and the same may be said of the song-thrush and blackbird; and I ascertained that the same birds as met with in the South are relatively smaller than their Northern compeers. The power to resist very low temperatures is somewhat strange. I have noticed the pied-wagtail, as well as the bee-eater and chiff-chaff, become feeble when the thermometer stood eight or nine degrees above freezing. What a contrast to the pigmy golden crests and titmice of northern regions, where we find them lively and moving about at a temperature of 20° to 30° below zero, Fahrenheit.—*Notes of a Naturalist in the Nile Valley and Malta.*

RHUDDLAN'S WINEPIPE.—It became my constant practice to hear all the speakers and preachers who were most admired. The Court of Session always, and the General Assembly in the month of May, were accessible, and I was not only frequently taken there by my father, but also went with one or two of my companions. At that time it was impossible to enter into the particular merits of different speakers; little more could be learned than their excellence or defects of manner, what something of the difference between oratory as read or as heard. The great speakers and preachers left a lasting impression, and from some of the most eminent I really may be said to have brought away lessons or suggestions that have been turned to account. Even thus early I profited not a little from the great leaders of the Bar, and somewhat from great preachers, both masters of declamation and of pathos. From one whose eloquence was remarkable, and in pathetic passages especially, I learnt a use of the voice which was thus impressed on my mind when very young, and which I have often employed in after life, namely, of dropping the voice at particular passages, to command general attention, or enforce silence. It was from the use of this expedient that some, as Abercromby, (Dunfermline,) used to talk of "Brougham's whisper," alluding to my power of whispering through the House of Commons to the very door and all the preacher from whom I learned this had a very feeble voice, which probably suggested it to him. I certainly had not the same reason.—*Memoirs of Lord Brougham, Written by Himself.*

PICTURES IN HOSPITALS.—I rejoice to hear that more than one of our London hospitals is making some sort of effort to adorn their wards with such pictures, cheap though they may be, as may fill the eyes of the poor sufferers within, and to divert their thoughts from their own misery to the happier scenes which live in their memory, and which they may hope ere long to behold once more. One of the greatest evils of that heaviest of all curses, sickness, is the wretched self-absorption of it—the miserable way in which the poor wretch sees everything through the medium of his own pain and sickness. And in this state to hang before his eyes a beautiful landscape is like taking him out of himself and opening a new world to his view:

"It was a fresh and glorious world,
A hanmer bright that was unfurl'd
Before me suddenly."

And I don't doubt that in many cases such glimpses of happiness help most materially the means used for his recovery, even if they are not more potent than "poppy or mandragora, and all the drowsy syrups of the East," to give rest and peace to the tempest-tossed sufferer. I can speak from personal experience of the refreshment derived in sickness from such a source; and I know a lady who has for years been nailed to her couch by incurable disease, and who makes a point of having her prison walls freshly papered from time to time with the brightest and gayest paper she can get, to change the current of her thoughts. When LEIGH HUNT was imprisoned for a libel on his most religious and gracious sovereign, King GEORGE IV., he covered the walls of his room with a paper ordered with a view to cheerfulness, to cheer and enliven his captivity as much as possible; a piece of wise forethought, which I do not doubt was abundantly rewarded by the result.—*Belgravia.*

DICKENS AS AN ACTOR.—DICKEN

...sons, to have dwelt on some estate in which the lady of Mercia was joint-ly interested with her father. "And let them" (my relations and beneficiaries) "seek also with a living price for my soul's health, as it may be and is most fitting, as ye to for-give me shall be disposed."

These are the last words which "England's Shepherd" left to his country. It is no easy task for any one who has been study-ing his life and works to set reasonable bounds to their reverence and enthusiasm for the man. Lest the reader should think my estimate tainted with the proverbial weakness of biographers for their heroes, let them turn to the words in which the ear-liest and the last of the English historians of that time sum up the character of Al-fred. FLORENCE of Worcester, writing in the century after his death, speaks of him as "that famous warlike, victorious King; the zealous protector of widows, scholars, orphans, and the poor; skilled in the Saxon poets; affable and liberal to all; endowed with prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance; most patient under the in-firmity which he daily suffered; a most severe inquisitor in executing justice; vigi-lant and devoted in the service of God." Mr. FREEMAN, in his *History of the Norman Conquest*, has laid down the portrait in bold and lasting colors, in a passage as truthful as it is eloquent, which those who are fami-liar with it will be glad to meet again, while those who do not know it will be grateful to me for substituting for any poor words of my own.

ALFRED, the unwilling author of these great changes, is the most perfect character in history. He is a singular instance of a Prince who has become a hero of romance, who, as such, has had countless imag-inary exploits attributed to him, but to whose character romance has done no more than justice, and who appears in ex-actly the same light in history and in fable. No other man on record has ever so thor-oughly united all the virtues, both of the ruler and of the private man. In no other man can we find so many virtues diafig-ured by so little alloy. A saint without su-perstition, a scholar without ostentation, a warrior all whose wars were fought in the defense of his country, a conqueror whose hands were never stained by cruelty, a prince never cast down by adversity, never lifted up to insolence in the day of triumph, —there is no other name in history to compare with his. St. Lewis comes nearest to him in the union of a more than monastic piety with the highest civil, military and domestic virtues. Both of them stand forth in honorable contrast to the abject superstition of some other royal saints, who were so selfishly engaged in the care of their own souls that they refused either to raise up heirs for their throne, or to strike a blow on behalf of their people, as even in Saint LEWIS we see a disposition to forsake at times the more direct path of duty for the more distant and unprofitable, how-ever pious and glorious, undertakings. The true duties of the King of the French clearly lay in France, and not in Egypt or Tunis. So much charge lies at the door of the great King of the West Saxons. With an inquir-ing spirit which took in the whole world, for purposes alike of scientific inquiry and of Christian benevolence, ALFRED never forgot that his first duty was to his own people. He forestalled our own age in send-ing expeditions to explore the Northern Ocean, and in sending alms to the distant churches of India; but he neither forsook his crown, like some of his predecessors, nor neglected his duties, like some of his success-sors. The virtue of ALFRED, like the virtue of WASHINGTON, consisted in no marvelous displays of superhuman genius, but in the simple, straightforward discharge of the duty of the moment. But WASHINGTON, soldier, statesman and patriot like ALFRED, has no claim to ALFRED'S further character of saint and scholar. Nor was THE Silence to be the nothing set against ALFRED'S lit-erary merits, and in his career, glorious as it is, there is an element of intrigue and chi-canery utterly alien to the noble simplicity of both ALFRED and WASHINGTON. The same union of zeal for religion and learning with the highest gifts of the warrior and the statesman is found, on a wider field of action, in CHARLES the Great. But even CHARLES cannot aspire to the pure glory of ALFRED. Amid all the splendor of conquests and legislation, we cannot be blind to an alloy of personal ambition, of personal vice, to occasional unjust aggressions, and occa-sional acts of cruelty. Among our own inter-preters, the great EDWARD alone can bear for a moment the comparison with his glori-ous ancestor. And when tried by such a standard, even the great EDWARD falls from him. We do not see the same wonder-ful union of gifts and virtues which so al-most mars together; we cannot acquit ED-WARD of occasional acts of violence, of occa-sional recklessness as to means; we cannot attribute to him the pure, simple, almost childlike disinterestedness which marks the character of ALFRED.

THE AUTHOR OF "VIVIAN GREY" AND "LOTHAIR."—There he stands, "DISRAELI the younger." He has taken up his position in front of his hostess' mantel-piece, and you may note the clever young man at your lei-sure. Everyone is looking at him to-night; for Mr. BENJAMIN DISRAELI has made a sen-sation, and sensation is what society loves, and of whose author it invariably makes a hero. It is possible that if we were to pro-ject ourselves somewhat forward in the course of time, and to glance at the costume of Mr. BENJAMIN DISRAELI by the light of some ridiculously advanced date in the world's history, say A. D. 1871, if our island is not by that time sunk deep in the sea's profound, we should pronounce it a trifle peculiar, anti-quated perhaps. Now it is simply the high-est mode and the newest fashion, for the famous young author of *Vivian Grey* has a dash of the dandy about him. But, after all, it is the face which attracts and even fasci-nates you more than the dress. A counten-ance lividly pale—till you hear the ringing voice and know the energy of the lungs which it implies—you might fancy the brilliant young writer was the victim of a slowly but fatally wasting consumption. Eyes black as the night, that glisten forth from their recesses with an expression of mingled mockery and ambuscade; a lofty forehead, and an unmistakably intellectual brow, above which is an opulent mass of jet black hair flowing in ringlets over his left cheek to his almost collarless stock, while on the left it is parted and put away with a girlish carefulness. The cost is the cost of any ordinary civilian of the times, but not the waistcoat—a marvelous vest in truth, gleaming in the wax lights with its splendid embroidery of gorgeous gold flow-ers. Add to these, patent leather pumps, a white stick with black cord and tassel, and a mysterious complication of gold chains in the region of his neck and pockets —and you have a faithful picture of DIS-RAELI the younger, author of *Vivian Grey* and *Contarini Fleming, or the Psychological Romance*. The truth is that Mr. DISRAELI'S entire career is one continued series of con-trasts. We are now only glancing at those which, by virtue of their historical position, are the most conspicuous and strongly de-fined. We are looking at the first and latest scene in Mr. DISRAELI'S public and political life. The right honorable senator in his capacity as Chancellor of the Exchequer, by virtue of his office, may be the living antithesis of the curled young exquisite in LACY BLESSINGTON'S saloon; but the former is not the less the natural development of the latter for all that. In the realities of Mr. DISRAELI'S manhood the ideals of his youth are accomplished. When *Vivian Grey* and *Contarini Fleming* were written, their brilliant young author neglected to take heedful note of the inevitable interval be-tween ambition and achievement. The dreams of power and influence, which are shadowed forth in the psychological ro-mance, have taken form and substance, as consummated truths with the author of *Lo-thair*. The contrast, such as it is, is the con-trast between the voice of aspiration and the fruit of action; and the great statesman is the logical outcome of the romantic youth. The key-note of all Mr. DISRAELI'S novels, of the careers of all his heroes, is also the key-note of Mr. DISRAELI'S life—the acquisition of power and the possession of influence. "The mo-ment that he entered society his thoughtful face would break into a fascinating smile, and he listened with interest to the tales of levity and joined with readiness in each frivolous pursuit. He was sumptuary in his habits and was said to be even voluptuary. Perhaps he affected gallantry because he was deeply impressed with the influence of women both upon public and private opinion. With them he was a universal favorite. As a political thinker, Mr. DISRAELI has been both consistent and sincere. The fantastic theories and the wild dreams of *Vivian Grey*, *Contarini Fleming*—even of the *Revolutionary Epic*—have been crystalized into the compact principles of the statesman's policy. They have not been abandoned. Here and there a semblance of absurdity has fallen away, and an excrescence of impossi-ble exaggeration has been pruned off. The wild imagination of youth has been sub-dued by the tempering discipline of expe-rience. Ends that, when announced in their crude shape, were asserted by the world to have been impracticable, have been steadily followed out by the states-man, and many of them have been attained. The ambition has been accomplished; only its vaunting pride, which on Mr. DISRAELI'S first entrance into public life overleaped itself, and threatened to land its rider in a bottom-less pit of bathos, has been abandoned. We have said enough to render the process of identification easy. *Vivian Grey* breathed again in *Lothair*, though with a differ-ence and a contrast. But it is the contrast of development rather than of metamorphosis. Between a stripling who has just written an undeniably clever but in parts utterly preposterous novel, who has as yet barely got his foot upon the first step of the ladder of public power and political fame, and the statesman who has in his time reorganized a great political party, mastered all the difficulties of political life, familiar-ized himself with all the labors of adminis-tration, given titles and conferred dignities, made baronets, peers, dukes, bishops, and even selected the primate himself, occupied important places in three different minis-tries, and finally by winning the premier-ship acquired the highest post which can be conferred on an Englishman, himself no Englishman at all—between these two con-ceptions a great gulf is fixed. But it is a gulf whose bridgment the years that bring the philosophic mind, a resolute determination to succeed, which exhibited itself from the very first, are quite enough to explain.

If we look at the nobler qualities of hu-man nature, we shall fail to prove in respect of these any contrast between the author of *Vivian Grey* and *Lothair*. Mr. DISRAELI'S writings have always been pure and eleva-ting in tone. The characters which he has selected for eulogy, or the models which he has held up for imitation have all been of an ennobling kind. The atmosphere into which he introduces us is healthy and sweet. His husbands are honest, his wives are true, his maidens are pure and his lads are ingenu-ous. He has never written a word which a father would not read to his daughter, or a lover to his betrothed. And in *Vivian Grey* and *Lothair* alike there is the same chivalry of sentiment, the same generosity of soul. The same loyalty to the cause of friendship. —*London Society.*

MAY FASHIONS.

Le Follet says: The Spring toilets are simply charming, both in color and mate-rial; they are eminently suitable to the season, and are refined and elegant in style. The most delicate tints are worn both for morning and evening. It is impossible to particularize all the colors in vogue; many of them are old friends with new names, generally alluding with questionable taste to passing events; others are really recent introductions or variations. Silks of all kinds are much worn, Irish poplin, cache-mire, crepe de Chine, the Danish al-paca, silk serge, poil de chevre, and a variety of mixed fabrics suitable to the season, are in great request. For first morning dress, the self-colored twills and piqués are much worn for young ladies. They are sometimes made with colored borders to the breadths, which are cut off to trim the dress, in plain bands or little quillings. Many wishing dresses to be more striking with patterns which can be cut into flounces, and used to trim tunics, &c. We have also seen some silk dresses in this style—"Pompadour." The ground is of black, or some neutral tint; there is one wide flounce, printed or embroidered in color, a band of the same for the tunic, body, and sleeves. Two embroidered sash ends. These are very stylish for carriage or in-door dress, but are not suitable for walk-ing.

Costumes and morning dresses are gener-ally made with flounces on the lower skirt. A draped tunic and small, loose jacket, open at the seams, with a small hood, if intended for out-of-door wear. The bodices of wash-ing dresses are generally made a little loose, and to scarcely below the waist. The skirt is worn over them. They are finished by a waistband and small basque. The sleeves for in-door wear should be coat-shaped. These of the small jackets are wide, and trimmed to correspond with the rest of the dress.

The toilettes de ville and de salon are very elaborately trimmed with flounces, fringes, bias folds, pipings, and above all lace. At no time has the latter been in greater favor than at the present moment. It is used in great profusion and of all widths. As well as being the most elegant ornament to a lady's dress, it is one of the most service-able; in fact, many ladies look upon lace quite as an investment. Silk dresses are in-variably made with basques or points. The tightest materials have sometimes a round bodice with wrist-band, but a small basque is worn under the band, loose from the skirt. These dresses made with-out trains or manteaux de cour are always trimmed so as to simulate one of those styles. There are no particularly novel forms in trains or manner of draping them; the great thing to avoid is too great regu-larity, and any appearance of stiffness. The bodices of these dresses are all made open—square, en cœur, or en chale, which is a nar-rower and more pointed opening than the heart shape. The sleeves are generally wide. There is an immense variety of shapes for open sleeves, but none so fashionable as the "Marie Antoinette" and the "Duchesse," tight to the elbow, with a frill.

Most toilets de ville are made to answer the double purpose of in and out door dress. The over-skirts, when made long, are ar-ranged so as to be draped for out-door wear; tight sleeves and a plastron accompanying the open body and wide sleeves.

Polonais will be much worn in a variety of materials, in white poil de chèvre, alpaca, or silk serge. Over colored skirts they will be very pretty for morning costumes, and in Chambery gauze (crepe de Chine), and white muslin for more dressy toilets. White In-dian muslin, both plain and embroidered, will be very recherché this season. No ma-terial is more elegant, and from its high price it can never become common. The style of cloak worn will be thoroughly seen from our plate of confections. The models are of such unpretentious taste and varie-ty, we need say nothing further on the sub-ject.

There are many new shapes in bonnets, but the "République" and the "Nouveau Régime" are the favorites. The former is made something like a helmet; the crown is high, and the border like a coronet, and there is a small straight curtain at the back. The latter has a much wider and flatter bor-der, and a lower crown. Straw will be much worn both for bonnets and hats this Spring. Colored tulles and crapes will be the favorite materials for full-dress bonnets.

There are some lovely flowers made this season for coiffures of all kinds; the best taste is only to wear those that are really in season. Trailing garlands, bunches of fea-thery grass, and very small wild flowers will be very elegantly worn.

White straw bonnets, trimmed with black ribbon and colored flowers, are very lady-like and useful, as the flower can be changed in accordance with the toilet. The hats are much lower in the crown, and altogether of a quieter style, both in shape and trimming.

Statistics of the Week.

Seventeen hundred and thirty-eight per-sons were arrested last week by the Police.

There were 32 fires in the City during the week ending at noon yesterday, with an esti-mated loss of $2,055 and an insurance of $204,000. Twelve of these disasters were caused by care-lessness, three from the use of kerosene or naptha, and the others were accidents.

The vital statistics for the past week show 93 still-births, 196 marriages, 938 births, and 474 deaths, being a decrease of 40 below the mor-tality of the previous week. It was also the smallest mortality of any week during the year.

There were 76 males and 627 females furnished with situations through the Free Labor Bureau during last week.

The Gould Contempt Case.

In the matter of the motion for the punish-ment of JAY GOULD for contempt in refusing to produce certain books of the Erie Rail way Com-pany, on the direction of the Master in the Cole-man reference, which was to come up at the United States District Court, before Judge BLATCHFORD, yesterday, on adjournment, Mr. EVARTS made application for a further postpone-ment of two weeks, to await the result of the investigation before Commissioner WHITE into the disposition of the 60,054 shares of stock claimed by HEATH and RAPHAEL, the English stockholders. The motion on the Coleman re-ceivership was also adjourned.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Jealousy is a disagreeable quality to get along with, but it produces a good deal of the excitement which keeps people alive, and not unfrequently gives rise to some rather ludicrous scenes. A lady in Virginia who was subject to this unpleasant malady lately returned home, after a short absence, and took the precaution to reconnoiter through the key-hole before en-tering her room, when she saw her husband tenderly adjusting a shawl upon the shoulders of a woman. Here was "confirmation strong as proofs of holy writ" that all had not been right in her absence. She procured a shot-gun from an adjoining room, suddenly opened the door, and lodged the deadly charge in the head of—a dummy which her husband, who dealt in dry goods, had brought home in order to put it in repair during the lonely hours of his wife's ab-sence. After this incident it was still more in need of repair, but the woman's mind was in a more healthy condition than before.

The pleasures of hope are undoubtedly very great, and they are certainly enjoyed for a long time by some people. On no subject are they kept up with a keen zest longer than on that of matrimony. Miss MOLLIE ARNOLD lately wrote a letter to the Kansas City *Times*, which was intended to serve as a matrimonial adver-tisement. She was now eighty-three years of age, she said, and having up to this time had no opportunity to marry, she had concluded to advertise for a husband. She was the daughter of a poor widow lady who lived near Kearney. The only inducement thus far presented for any man longing for some one to love is the prospect that the mother could not hold out much longer, but then MOLLIE is not so very particular in her requirements. She pro-fess a man of thirty-five who has been a Federal soldier, but will not insist upon these qualifica-tions. One thing, however, is essential to her happiness, the candidate for her affections must have "a little book-learning," for she has be-come superstitious since her father died, and wants some one who will stay at home nights, as she is afraid of ghosts. Now, here is an op-portunity such as seldom occurs for an ex-sol-dier of thirty-five, with a little book-learning, who wants a bride of eighty-three who is afraid of ghosts.

The people of St. Petersburg are a skeptic-al set, and have a ridiculous predilection for science and common sense. Everybody has heard of Mr. HOME, the great Spiritualist of England. He has long been acknowledged to stand at the head of that body of men who as-sume to pass information from the other world to this. Some time ago Mr. HOME was imprudent enough to go to St. Petersburg. On his ar-rival the people insisted upon investigating him and his mysterious *séances*. He consented, provided certain conditions were observed. These were acceded to by the cynical Russian *scientists*, because, as they said, they did not re-gard him as a very skilful "*prestidigitateur*." At the first trial, for some reason or other, Mr. HOME could not produce his usual "manifesta-tions" under the watchful eyes of the committee. Another day of meeting—the 20d of March —was fixed. On the evening of that day Mr. HOME sent word that he could not come on ac-count of illness; on the 24th, he requested that the meeting might be fixed for the 26th; but on that evening he again pleaded sudden indisposi-tion. On the evening of the 27th, M. ZION met him at the theatre; he appeared perfectly well, but stated that he could not give any more *séances*, as under the influence of the weather he felt a diminution of his spiritualistic powers. On the 28th he left for London. The frigid climate of St. Petersburg does not agree with the spirits with whom HOME and other of his kidney have dealings.

The Town Council of Leith has been greatly exercised of late on the question of "red gowns and cocked hats." The members have had a longing to appear in that picturesque toggery for some time, but have hesitated about spending the necessary sum of £20 for that purpose. They certainly have remarkable modesty, which would wholly unfit them for the position of Councilmen in any other country but Scotland. However, like most people, when they have got their hearts set upon a thing of that kind, they will not give it up. An overzeal-ous member, one BAILIE CHALMERS, moved at a recent meeting that "the Town Coun-cil thank the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting for their diligence in arranging for the red gowns and cocked hats, but on further deliberation considers it ex-pedient that these articles should not be pro-cured." The members looked fearful at BAI-LIE'S proposition, and no one was found resolute enough to second the motion, although he re-minded them that £10 had been expended on the occasion of the royal marriage, and £15 on a trip to St. Mary's Loch, and urged that this further extrava-gance ought not to be indulged in. It is usual in such bodies, the plea for economy did not prevail, and the next time the Town Council of Leith has occasion to turn out it will look grand in its "red gowns and cocked hats."

American merchants have a reputation for sagacity and acuteness, but there are few of them that can surpass, in that respect, the gen-tleman of whom a good story is told in the Eng-lish papers. He is a merchant in London, and lately found that a rival establishment was us-ing his brains for its own benefit, and at the same time forestalling him in the market by ob-taining copies of his telegraphic orders from an operator, by bribery. He at once wrote privately to his agents always to act exactly contrary to orders, and then went to work exercising his brains at once for his own benefit and the injury of the wrong-doer. He not only got the full ben-efit of his own foresight and tact, but was ob-taining a poetical revenge upon his rival, and in three months had him in the Court of Bankrupt-cy, while his own concern went on prosperously.

Mr. BERGH appears to make no distinction between legal and moral guilt in the matter of treating dumb animals with cruelty, but a rev-erend gentleman of England claims that there is a difference. Rev. Mr. GAGE, Vicar of Bar-ling, kept a cow and a pig, two animals whose only purpose in living seems to be to benefit others, but while he prayed for his own daily bread, he regularly forgot the poor animals who in part supplied it. The cow, we are told, became so weak that it fell into a pond. It was then dragged out, and lay before his door for five days in great suffering, while nothing was done for its relief. It is spoken of again as a "mere frame of skin and bone." What sufferings the pig endured we are not in-formed, and the extent of his patience and resig-nation are only matters of conjecture, but the reverend vicar declared before the Magistrates that he was "legally, but not morally, guilty" in the case. What degree of cruelty to a cow and pig would be necessary to produce moral guilt in a clergyman is a nice question in ethics, which we are not competent to settle. It de-pends on how much a clergyman may be sup-posed to excel others in iniquity without being accountable for it. A very good man and a poet once said for such as he—

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small;
For the good God that loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

Most boys of ten years and upward have, in their experience in circus-going, become tolera-bly familiar with Peter Jenkins, who invariably comes tumbling into the ring in a state of beast-ly intoxication, to the never-ending astonish-ment and delight of the spectators, and, after a terribly funny dispute with his old friend, the clown, turns out to be a first-rate rider, complete in tights and spangles. In Waterbury, Conn., lately, the unsophisticated Policemen who were on duty in the tent, took this vagrant tumbler for a genuine drunken in-terloper, and displayed their zeal by insisting upon putting him out for disturbing the show, of which he was, in fact, *magna pars*. It was with some difficulty that they could be made to see the joke, and allow Jenkins to continue his jovial intoxication, and pass through his regular metamorphosis. One is at a loss which to ad-mire most, the delightfully unsophisticated character of these strict officers of the law, or their determined zeal in the performance of their duty.

Much has been said and written about the gin palaces of London. There is no doubt that they are a terrible curse to the poor of that great city, but with all their gorgeous paraphernalia they cannot concoct such vile liquids as are dis-posed of in the commonest grog-shops in this country. A London paper recently appointed a "commissioner" of its own to look into the sub-ject of the adulteration of liquors, and he obtained several specimens of gin from the worst quarters of the city for analysis. The result was a small per cent. of spirit and a large allowance of sugar and water with a little Cayenne paper or capsicum to give "snap" to it. It is doubtful if all the beverages of London could go through the test and come out with so innocent an appearance. At all events we can show the result of much more enterprise and ingenuity in our "strychnine and whisky, and rhubarb and beer."

The beard hath been regarded in all ages as an index of manly qualities, and impertinent youth have been effectually silenced and made to feel their insignificance by being called beard-less, the inevitable inference being that they are also senseless. Even women, though they have no occasion themselves for this hirsute evidence of wisdom and dignity, admire it as an adorn-ment to the visages of man. To do still higher, if that is possible, even the gods—it is a feather-ed idea, but will serve for the nonce—were wont to regard with awe a shake of the terrible beard of Jove, and by that sacred appendage he often swore tremendous oaths. The full significance of the beard, and the character expressed in its infinite variety of forms and hues, might form the subject of a learned volume or two, but our only object in taking hold of the subject now is to call attention to the biggest beard at present extant, so far as our information goes. This beard is three feet four inches in length, and re-sides in Galloway County, Ky. There is a man attached, whose name is SHORTS. That he is distinguished for dignity, sagacity, and other virile characteristics, there can be no doubt, although we are not so informed. The philoso-phers of that region should study him, and make a careful report for the benefit of science.

The learned City of Cambridge is among those towns of Massachusetts which lately de-cided that ale and beer were abominations and should not be disposed of within their precincts. Harvard University and the Washington Elm could no longer be trusted to preserve by their influence the purity of the population, and it was deemed necessary to take away the tempta-tion which beset them and tended to draw them into the ways of the wicked world. The only possible effect this could have was to send those that thirsted across the bridge into Boston, a city which, with all its virtuous pretensions, has every accommodation for the sinful, and to ruin the local liquor-dealers. But Judge LYON, a Rhadamanthus of the place, has thwarted down that design by a startling decision that the law under which the vote was taken became void by express limitation in September last, and there-fore the learned philosophers of Cambridge had been gratifying themselves by trying to car-ry into effect a statute that had been a dead let-ter for six months. The liquor-dealers are jubi-lant, and have formed an association "to pro-tect their legitimate business from future illegal annoyance."

SPIRIT OF THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

THE INDEPENDENT.

The *Independent* contains an article by W. C. WILKINSON on the "Duty of Hating," which contains the following timely remarks:

"And there is no instrument of aggressive moral influence that at this living moment of our American social and political history more needs to be wielded with will than the attitude and aspect of abhorrence of evil. When a Judge defiles his seat, let him be ringed around with a horizon of environment of abhorrence in society, in the church, at the bar, and on the street. If a great lawyer sells himself to adamantine fore-headed Fraud, let him know himself and feel him-self abhorred wherever he goes. If a legislator trades the sacred cause for selfish gain, let him confront the visible abhorrence of the colleagues, his neighbors, his constituents, and his country-men. You may call this a sentimental punish-ment. So it is. But men are governed by senti-ments. And there is no earthly penalty so dreaded as omnipresent, so inanimate, so appalling as the contempt, or cold shoulder, of mankind. Not one man in a million could bear up under it. It is an impalement at mordant fire. It is the greatest excommunication of the human race. And this punishment it is in the power of public opinion to inflict. We have said quite enough of sentimental cowardice. Christ some-times needs a little wholesome bitter to make its way sweet. It has a trick of turning rancid when kept too pure. The public conscience cannot stand the Gospel of indiscriminate love. There really are some things that ought to be hated. Let us hate them—cheerfully, frankly, and out of a pure heart fervently."

THE GOLDEN AGE.

The *Golden Age*, in an article on ethics and ecclesiastics, defends the statements of Prof. HUXLEY in his recently-published lectures with regard to the shortcomings of the churches. It says:

"One reason of the immense defection from the Church, and that it has lost so much of its former hold on the brain and heart of our peo-ple, is because ecclesiastics have ignored ethics, taught religion without morality, and tried to build up sacraments, dogmas, and denomina-tions without regard to the interests of mankind, often at the expense of the world. The only way by which they can recover the ground they have lost, and make the Church the power it might and ought to be in American society, is a fresh and bold inculcation of morality. SYDNEY SMITH suggested that the only way to avoid railroad accidents was to compel the directors of it to ride in the first car. It is, perhaps, too much to say that our American ecclesiastics should be held responsible for the vices and crimes of society, and that for every murder a minister should be hung; but the clergy are responsible for the low moral condition of society to a far greater degree than they imag-ine. They ought to be willing, they ought to regard themselves, as the teachers of ethics, the ordained expositors of the immutable laws of morality, and look upon the moral welfare of men and society as their special vocation and department of service. And in proportion as they do this will the world improve, and will their office with the respect and awaken the en-thusiasm of the best minds. Were the forty thousand ministers of America to teach the great principles of morality with all their mind and might, and to take the lead in every move-ment of social and moral reform, we should have such a renovation as the world never witnessed, and the Church would be transformed from a burden to a beneficence."

THE LIBERAL CHRISTIAN.

The *Liberal Christian*, in discussing the pro-priety of opening libraries and reading-rooms on Sunday, says:

"We have two things to learn. 1st. That Sun-day is not the Jewish Sabbath, and that the Christian world out of Scotland and New-Eng-land knows it; and that we must rest the use of the Sunday upon its merits, and not on any sup-posed divine commandments. These merits are enormous. They must be economized by the friends of religion by a judicious and temperate policy, or we shall break down the most pre-cious of our inheritances. In short, we must ac-commodate the uses of the Sunday to the public good, and not simply to the wishes and preju-dices of the self-styled Christian portion of the public. Public worship is not the only pro-vable use of Sunday. Reading, sacred or secular, is to be encouraged. Those who read the most of secular will be usually those who read also the most of sacred books, and reading in a public library is no worse than reading in a private library, only not half so pleasant. Young men would doubtless prefer their own libraries if they had them. The ques-tion is one not to be evaded by cowardly thought or superstitious head-shakings. It must be met? And the good men who, doubtless, think they are guarding one of the purest morality and the highest piety, must not unwisely be left to play into the grog-shops and billiard-saloons and bawdy-houses, by barring the doors of li-braries and galleries in a mistaken jealousy for the sacredness of the Sabbath, and a zeal for the Lord's house, which eats up their candor and discretion. Religion must not be thus wounded in the house of its friends."

THE FREE METHODIST.

The last number of the *Free Methodist* contains an article against Sunday-school libraries. It thinks it best to do without them for the follow-ing reasons:

"1. They are very expensive, and our people usually are poor. Money can be used in the school far more economically and profitably in some other way. The centre of attraction should be the lesson; and a wise expenditure of money that will help to make it so, is better than to expend it upon a rival to the lesson, as the library usually is. 2. It is extremely dif-ficult to get suitable books. The demand gov-erns the supply, and there will be a dearth of good books until the Sunday-schools of the land reject everything pernicious. There will have to be a purer conception of what is good; a more natural delineation of charac-ter than anything we yet have had. A book may be new, attractive, and instructive, and yet be pernicious. It may give a distorted view of the subject; may make a wrong impression on children's taste for novel reading, and the young people of to-day are being ruined fast enough by such literature without its being fur-nished them by the Sunday-school. 3. A good library is not necessary to the interest of the school. Such things may be good auxiliaries to lazy officers and teachers, but workers do not need them. 4. Often the impulse of the lesson is lost in the excitement of selecting a book, or the disappointment of not obtaining the one wished for. Whatever becomes of more impor-tance in the school than the Word of God, is out of place.

A church library treating upon all subjects of importance to common people, to be distributed at the week-night prayer-meeting, would do a great deal of good in some localities. The min-ister, the teacher, parents, and children, might be greatly benefited by it."

THE METHODIST.

The *Methodist*, in an article on the popular preachers of Brooklyn, has the following to say with regard to the success of the pulpit in these times:

"It is noticeable that these ministers repre-sent the evangelical type of Christianity. The preaching of the cross may be to some a stum-bling block, and to others foolishness, but is still to the masses of men the power and the wisdom of God. No better answer can be given to the opposition of science," so called, than this de-monstration of the effectiveness of Gospel-preaching. That man is lost, that Christ died to save him, that Christ will save him now, is the message which has unfailing attractions for the human heart. Furnished with this, the preacher should ask for nothing more—he needs nothing more. In the face of the complaints of the decay of the modern pul-pit, we present these evidences of its vitality. Who but ministers of the Gospel have audiences of several hundreds, and some several thou-sands each, week after week, for years together? Great impostors, when giving their finest im-personations, exhaust themselves in a short season of a few weeks; great lawyers only at rare intervals of time can command a crowding large and mixed assemblies, yet Christian min-isters are successfully retaining the interest of the mass of society in themes nearly 2,000 years old. This does not look like decay; for such a phenomenon decay is not the proper word."

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.

The *United Presbyterian*, of Pittsburg, Penn., contains an article in favor of extemporaneous preaching, in which it says:

"Were the preacher's business only to instruct, to store the mind with knowledge, to give forth simple and unimpassioned statements of divine truth, we should be content, if it were clearly put, though it were coldly said. In that case the reading of a sermon in the pulpit would be open to no valid objection. But since the heart of man has suffered even more than his head by the Fall, our great object of the preacher is to engage the affections, to turn their current heavenward, and win the heart over to God. This is the work of conversion—that saving and indispensable change. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh; and I will give you a heart of flesh." But where, besides convincing the reason, the object of the speaker is to engage the affections, rouse the dormant feelings, and carry the heart as by storm, what man in his senses in any place (about as likely as a policy would read his address? Fancy DEMOSTHENES attempt-ing to wield the fierce democracy with a paper in his hand! Fancy CICERO rising in the Forum to launch his thunders at CATALINE from a book! Credible! The man must be better, and why, with a task much more difficult, and involving interests infinitely more important, should preachers of the Gospel hamper them-selves with papers? Some, as if actually ashamed of themselves or of the Gospel, not once venturing to raise their eyes and look the peo-ple in the face. Does any one believe that it was from a paper on his defense before Felix that Paul preached, when, God blessing his words, he converted thousands by a single sermon, and, a greater fisherman than ever, gathered them with one sweep of his net into the kingdom of Heaven?"

SOUTH-WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

The *South-western Presbyterian*, published at New-Orleans, has an article on the salaries of ministers, in which it says:

"The average rate at which ministers are paid in this country for their services dooms them as a class to poverty. Those who have made the matter a subject of statistical study place the total ministry of the United States at 40,000 persons, and assign to each one an average salary of $700, and these figures are probably for a class embracing more than three-fourths of the whole number. Assuming the former sum as the standard, and supposing each minis-ter to support at least four persons—himself, wife and two children—we then have $175 per head for all the ministers and their families in the country. Could we by any means dispose of the Christian Church, shared in, without much distinction, by all denominations. Being alike true of all, the disgrace falls upon all alike. The minister, at the very lowest esti-mate, is entitled to such a compensation as will with prudence and good management en-able them not only to live comfortably while in the service, but also to make a reasonable pro-vision for themselves and their families in the event of disability, and in the time of old age. A system which proposes less than this is upon its face niggardly and unjust. If the Church will talk to farmers of this mark, then it is high time for the Church to waking to some suitable sense of her own dishonor, and devise the ways and means of making for herself a better record. The claim of simple justice in paying salaries would present a case of much benevolence. Where the Church ought to do on the proper support of her ministry with be a sin against the law of righteousness if left undone. She has no right to doom to a starving pittance, barely sufficient to keep soul and body from bidding farewell to each other, self-ministers to the neglect of charity, and had no claim to except that which their services merit. Justice has an unsettled account against her, for which no lenitory can plead, no zeal for the conversion of the world, and no occasional fits of sporadic charity, can ever be an adequate offset."

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST.

The *National Baptist*, of Philadelphia, in dis-cussing the subject of temperance legislation, takes the ground that the most stringent laws should be passed for the prohibition of liquor-selling, and until such can be obtained, those which are passed looking in the same direction should be supported and vigorously enforced. It says:

"We are well aware that this is neither pleas-ant nor easy business to which we invite the friends of temperance; it requires vigilance, persistence and hard work. But we know of no way in which their duties, in any circumstances that we can anticipate, can become easy or pleasant. If our license laws were all swept away, and the traffic in liquor as a beverage was wholly prohibited, the present difficulties would hardly be diminished. Prohibitory laws will not enforce themselves, and they would but arrange the battle between the appetite and passions of multitudes, as well as against the inertia and indifference of many others. Nothing but the united, continued and vigorous action of temperance workers promises any worthy success. In our judgment the only way to efficient prohibition is by (1) enlight-ening the public conscience as to the physical, intellectual, social and moral evils of liquor-drinking, and (2) the rigorous enforcement of every restrictive measure that can be secured. These two departments of effort we believe to comprise the present paramount duty of real temperance workers, and as religious journal-ists we shall be glad to render, in both these di-rections, all the aid we can. Our statutes are now far in advance of public sentiment, and public sentiment, therefore, greatly needs quick-ening and strengthening."

ST. PETER.

St. Peter, (Catholic,) in speaking of the im-portance which has been attached by some Prot-estant journals to the opposition of Dr. DOL-LINGER to the pretensions of the Pope, says:

"The Holy See is told that it would be better to make a bargain with DOLLINGER. But, as be-fore, it is impossible. Could Christ have bar-gained with Satan when Satan offered Him all the earth, that is, authority over all the heretics that should ever be on it, if He would only fall on him one inclination of His head? He could not, and the reason is, He was very God. Well, it is exactly the same thing with the Holy See; for Christ, very God, is its found-er. If this were not true, the Holy See had long since made a bargain, made a bargain with terrors and, in consequence, had long since vanished. But, it is as absolute, as uncompromising, as universal, as immutable as ever. Therefore, Christ is its founder. The firmness of the Church, to say nothing of its doctrines, proves its claims. Let DOLLINGER go ahead. Let him do his best, as ARIUS, LUTHER, GIOBERTI, LAMENNAIS, and many other over-conceited men, did before him. His predeces-sors are gone to judgment, never to return from it; but the Holy See continues in youth and cer-tainty like the sun. He, too, will disappear. He will sink like a stone in the centre of the ocean never to ripple it on the surface again. But Rome will still be as absolute and universal as if he had never been heard of."

The African Methodist Episcopal Conference—Agitation of the Temperance Question.

The Fifty-first Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, held its fourth day's session yesterday at the Sullivan-street Church. Bishop A. W. WAYMAN, who presided, began the services with prayer, and the usual routine business followed. Then the new order for the day's transactions comprised the election of W. N. BOWMAN, CHAS. GREEN, J. J. ROBIN-SON and W. J. DAWS as deacons; Rev. J. W. JACKSON as an Elder, and Rev. E. T. THOMPSON was granted a superannuated relation at his own request. Bishop CAMPBELL here delivered an interesting address on the use and mission of temperance preachers, which was supplemented by a few remarks from Rev. RICHARD A. C. CLIFFER. Norwich was received into this Conference, and attached to the Binghamton Circuit. It was also de-cided to hold the next Conference at Weeks-ville, Brooklyn. The educational and educational reports were heard, and the Temperance Com-mittee in their report embodied a preamble and set of resolutions, of which the following is the substance:

Resolved, That our preachers shall preach at least three sermons on the subject of Temper-ance at each appointment; that we will strictly enforce the discipline, which forbids our mem-bers to buy, sell or use spirituous liquors; that we recommend a call for a State Temperance Convention, and that we use every means in our power to enforce the above.

The resolutions were adopted, and the Confer-ence adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

THE RUSSIAN LUTHERANS.

A Greek Priests Statement of the Religious Persecutions in Russia—The Ukase in Regard to Dissenters from the Greek Church—Its Enforcement a Civil and Not an Ecclesiastical Act—What He Thinks of the United States Evangelical Embassy to Russia.

The complaints which have been made by the Lutherans residing in the Baltic provinces of the Russian Empire, have been loud and fre-quent. Remonstrance after remonstrance is said to have been laid before the supreme head of the Greek Church, the Emperor of Russia, by the Lutherans, in which petitions they are said to have repeatedly set forth their grievances, as-suring His Majesty that they had been subjected to much persecution and ill-treatment on account of their religious belief, at the hands of the Russian officials of the Greek Church. All the efforts made by the Lutherans to obtain redress at the hands of the Czar, by the aboli-tion of the obnoxious laws, are said to have proved abortive. As is well known, this alleged spirit of intolerance and bigotry on the part of the Russian clergy toward the Letts and Esthon-ians of the Baltic provinces prompted the in-terposition of the United States Evangelical Al-liance.

A delegation comprising some of the most eminent citizens in the United States, the names of whom have been already published in these columns, were appointed to the Russian Court to seek an audience of the Emperor him-self in behalf of their persecuted fellow-Chris-tians in Russia. Yesterday afternoon the learned Greek pri

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

There is a report of an engagement near Asnieres and Passy, in France, but no particulars are given. Preparations for a vigorous resistance to the Government troops in the very streets of Paris are already under way. Several attempts have been made by the Versailles troops to storm the ramparts, but without success. The Central Committee has assumed the war power, and is now acting in concert with the Committee of Safety. It is said that an offensive policy is to be adopted. There are reports that FAVRE and SIMON will withdraw from the Versailles Government. ROCHEFORT is at Versailles under arrest. Reports are contradictory regarding the mood of the Communists, some representing them as hopeful and others as despondent.

BISMARCK and FAVRE have arrived at Frankfort to exchange ratifications of the treaty of peace. Dr. DOLLINGER is to visit London. The inquiry in Spain regarding the assassination of PRIM is said to implicate Señor ROQUE BARCIA, a member of the Cortes. The steamer *William Tell* has been burned at Ventnor.

GENERAL.

The Tehuantepec surveying party is on its way home. Capt. SHUFELDT reports that a thorough survey has been made of this route, and he is satisfied that an interoceanic surface canal can be built across that isthmus with no more expense than the importance of the work will justify.

Allegheny Commandery of Knights Templar, of Pittsburg, Penn., are about to make a pilgrimage of four months to Europe. The pilgrims will be joined in the tour by many Sir Knights of New-York and Philadelphia, swelling their number to over 100.

Gov. HOFFMAN is visiting Norfolk, Va., Navy-yard and Fortress Monroe.

The Subcommittee of the Kuklux Congressional Committee, met yesterday morning, and without transacting any business, adjourned till the 1st of June.

The coal troubles, having ornamented in bloodshed, are now rapidly subsiding. The difficulties between the operators and working men, which led to the strike in January last, having been settled by the decision of the umpire, Judge EWELL, the whole Schuylkill region is now fairly at work.

Some miscreant has mutilated the Scotch granite monument placed by Gen. JOSEPH HOOKER in the cemetery at Watertown, N. Y., a few weeks ago.

JOHN MCGINNIS, of Stony Hollow, Ulster County, was cut to pieces on the Rondout and Oswego Railroad on Thursday night. He was asleep on the track, and the train ran over him.

The United States Senate, yesterday, spent some time in hearing personal explanations regarding the premature disclosure of the treaty lately submitted, but they brought out no new facts. The remainder of the day was spent in Executive Session.

At the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Chicago, yesterday, the Committee of Twenty-one on the benevolent work of the Church made their report, setting forth a complete plan of operations for the future. It was accepted and made the second order for Wednesday next.

The Massachusetts Legislature propose to investigate the probable effects of the Washington Treaty on the fisheries.

Winnipeg advices state that the military force is being disbanded as resident settlers. Lumber is scarce, and the Government are building sheds for the temporary shelter of emigrants. The public budget has been made up on the most favorable terms. The Legislature was prorogued by the Governor with the usual ceremonies.

A man named ROBERT LANE, from New-York, has been arrested at Harrisburg, Penn., for robbing a safe. He was found in possession of sixty instruments of the most approved pattern.

The Binghamton *Leader* asserts that RULOFF confessed to its editor that he fired the shot that killed MYRICK, and that he also murdered his wife, insisting, however, repeatedly, that he did not kill his child, and that she is still alive, mentioning the name by which she is now known, and the place where she is. As all the particulars are reserved for a "book," these assertions may be received with caution.

WILLIAM A. GLOVER, who was arrested in New-Yorkon Friday, was brought to Boston, yesterday, charged with the robbery of the Boylston Bank, two years ago.

The citizens of Winthrop, Me., celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of that town yesterday. Ex-Gov. CHAMBERLAIN delivered the oration.

The statement that the young lady who committed suicide at the Stevens House, New-York, was a niece of Lieut.-Gov. SELDEN, of Rochester, N. Y., is wholly incorrect. Mr. SELDEN never had a niece bearing his name.

The procession of Sunday-school children at Memphis, Tenn., yesterday, surpassed anything ever witnessed in that city. Fully 10,000 children were in the line, while Main-street for half a mile was blocked with people.

The recently reported Indian depredations and hostilities, in the Kiowa section, are discredited. The movements of troops in Texas and on the Red River have prevented the customary moonlight raids.

The party of Eastern capitalists and railroad men, who have been on an excursion on the Central Iowa Railroad, arrived at St. Louis yesterday, forty hours from Duluth. The party will remain here until this evening, when they will return East via Chicago.

United States Marshals L. B. JAMES and VALENTINE PREWETT, arrested a few days ago in Bellinger, Mo., JOHN A. MCCLEARY and FRANK HOSKINS, charged with arson and theft. When near Marble Hill the party was confronted by a gang of armed men, who commanded the prisoners to halt. On being denied, they fired, wounding Marshal JAMES in the leg and arm. The officers returned the fire, and wounded some of their assailants. The prisoners were brought to St. Louis yesterday and lodged in jail.

The balance in the Treasury at the close of business yesterday was currency, $6,977,311; coin, $60,265,676; coin certificates, $19,073,000.

The Protest of Italian Catholics.

One of the most inspiriting documents in recent history, is the address which the Roman Catholic Professors of the University of Rome have sent to Dr. DOLLINGER. In this country, so unfortunate is the position of the Roman Church, that we cannot readily imagine its clergy or instructors sympathizing with any great movement in human progress. The Catholic Professors of Rome, however, openly avow their profound sympathy with the German Reformer, and thus boldly criticise their Church:

"The Catholic Church, which, from the universality of her conception, from her painful but not always numerited historical experiences, and from the urgent necessities of the present, should have felt more than ever the need of unity, has through the recent definitions of the Vatican Council, and through the worldly ambition of retaining that which, imposed on her as a historical necessity from the conditions of the life of the Middle Ages, is now of evident and serious prejudice to her divine mission—divided herself from the laity, from the best and most learned of her Bishops, from the nations and States of Europe, from science and from civilization. It is impossible that this division can be the legitimate consequence of religious and Christian principles. It is also impossible that European society, which, in its adhesions and even its resistance of eighteen centuries, has nevertheless always approached nearer toward morality and Christian ideality, can have become all at once incapable of exercising its noblest instincts, and, suddenly perverted, can have renounced all the principles of its historical and moral development."

The Italian scholars then proceed to pay a deserved tribute to the influence of the "German separation," and of the Reformation upon the Catholic Church itself, in purifying and elevating it; but they justly observe that its tendency in recent centuries has been away from reform or the line of modern progress.

"Instead of placing once more the Gospel in the hearts of the people," they continue, "reviving teaching and tradition with the concurrence of the laity, the book was closed with seven seals, and for lateal co-operation was substituted that of religious corporations, and particularly that of the Jesuits. The Catholic Church has been for three centuries the Company of Jesus. Against this servitude, against this sacrifice of intellect, as the Jesuits, with malignant humility, now call it, all the Catholic thinkers of Europe protested, and still protest, from PASCAL to ROSMINI and GIOBERTI, and to you who now raise the cry of injured and betrayed Catholicity before the doors of the Vatican Council. We Italians have suffered much from this enslaving of intellect. With very few exceptions, all the Episcopacy calling itself Italian, because it inhabits our country, was an instrument of the Jesuits in the Vatican Council."

With the occupation of Rome, there will be, they confidently hope, a renewal of spiritual and intellectual life in Italy.

"We remember that, in the midst of the immobility of the Jesuit schools, an Italian discovered the movement of the earth; and that, when the Catholic Church was profaned in the whole of its hierarchy, the ideal of our art was the transfigured Christ. And these remembrances are auspices that cannot fail. We are convinced that our right to Rome will not be incontestable and definite until that day in which we shall have transformed and renewed our moral conscience."

Of their own priesthood, they boldly say:

"The episcopacy inhabiting our land is without country, and has nothing in common with the Italian people. The syllabus, the infallibility, Papal aunocracy, all these negations of human and divine reason, form a system without the slightest connection with Roman character and thought. The servitude of intellect, abhorred by the Germanic race, is equally abhorred by the Roman, that is, Italian race. Italian morality is no longer what it was in the sixteenth century, and now we know that the hour has come when the cause of reform should be fought and won by the two united nations—the Italian and the German."

To an American Catholic such words as these must sound "perilous strange." That genuine Roman Catholics should oppose the dogma of infallibility, should object to the temporal power of the Pope, reject the syllabus, and accuse their priesthood of being tools of the Jesuits, is what would seldom occur to the obedient member of the Church in this country. The servility of the American Catholic Church to a foreign potentate, and to the mediæval wing of their body, is a fact which we desire to keep before the American public. Were the Romanist Church merely occupied with its own religious dogmas and ceremonies, we should have nothing to say of it, any more than we have of the Methodist Church, for instance. But when we know that its priests are bound to a foreign ruler; that they have accepted such an assault on the freedom of the human mind as is contained in the syllabus; that they are in bonds of fellowship with the Anti-Liberal and Ultramontane Party of Europe, and have no sympathy with Liberals such as Dr. DOLLINGER and the Professors in the Italian universities, then we cannot but consider the Catholic priesthood (with some noble exceptions) in this country as opposed to American ideas. As a mass, they condemn HYACINTHE and DOLLINGER; and they sustain the most corrupt and annoying tyranny among all the European Governments—the former rule of the Pope over the Roman provinces.

Were the American Catholics, as a body, in sympathy with the European Liberal Catholics, they would enjoy a high respect from all thoughtful Americans. Their Church would at once become a hundredfold stronger in the United States. We should not then see, as we are compelled to see now, the American Catholic Church always arrayed on the side of corruption in municipal politics, and of oppression in national politics. Something of the old glory of the Church would be revived, when she freed and sheltered the slave, and encouraged the progress of the human intellect. Then, she would stand in this country solely on her moral power; now, she is buttressed by the political; then, she would enjoy the highest wordly reward of religious services—the unbought respect of earnest men; now, she knows that the intellect and piety of the nation secretly despise her.

It is well known that there are liberal Catholic laymen in this country. These ought to have more control over their clergy, and redeem the Church from its unholy association with the Democratic Party in America, and the Reactionary Party in Europe.

Great Men in Exile.

Of all the varied devices of fortune hunting, that which takes the shape of an unexpected claim to noble title is probably the most attractive and the most popular. The crowd gives a ready ear to the marvelous, and the dethroned Prince or defrauded Peer who has to tell of usurpation and unregarded rights, finds belief and adherents in proportion to the harrowing improbability of his story. Just now the perturbation of society, consequent on wars and revolutions, seems to have given the signal for a general uprising of unrecognized royalty. No fewer than two of these discrowned Sovereigns are residents, if not citizens, of our own land. We make no mention of those worthy heirs of the indomitable Earl of STIRLING, who have added their ancient but unforgotten wrongs to the perplexities of the Joint High Commission. We do not even include the American BONAPARTE, who is confidently expected by his sanguine friends to assume one day the Imperial purple. And we omit that Reverend and Western Dauphin, whose indisputable claims to the throne of France so agitated society many years ago.

But, apart from these, we have at the present day among us two actual and outspoken claimants of sovereign power. Naturally, one of them aims at the Chief Magistracy of our own country. Mr. PATRICK MCGINNIS, if we rightly remember his august name, asserts that he was rightfully elected President of these United States at the last election, and that the present occupant of the White House is an intruder and a usurper. Holding this conviction, Mr. MCGINNIS resolved himself into a writ of *quo warranto*, and, presenting himself at the seat of government, demanded an immediate transfer of the Executive Mansion and other insignia of office to his own illustrious hands. The fate which so often befalls unfriended greatness, we regret to say, in this instance came upon Mr. MCGINNIS. It was even bitterer than usual. If the intrepid but luckless adventurer had been seized by the myrmidons of power, and flung into a loathsome dungeon under the castle moat, or had had his head chopped off on the battlements of the palace, as is the traditional wont in such cases, he would have been at least treated with a dignity according with his lofty enterprise. But, instead, he was simply declared a lunatic, and ignominiously led away to an asylum. Suppose LOUIS NAPOLEON, after his fiasco at Boulogne, not less insane apparently, had been similarly treated—how would the face of the world have been changed!

The other rejected Sovereign abiding with us is, perhaps, as mad as Mr. MCGINNIS, but there is at least more method in his madness. From the modest obscurity of his Long Island exile, Mr. WILLIAM R. GRACIE asserts his right to the English throne, as the last of the STUARTS. But mingled with that graceful hauteur so characteristic of his royal race, there is revealed in this scion of a family of Pretenders an eye for business which was least to be expected. He denies indignantly that he has offered to sell out his claim to Mr. DISRAELI or any other person. But "it is true," he says, with a degree of vagueness which, if possible, increases the dignity of his statement, "in a letter to Right Hon. B. DISRAELI, he suggested in substance (influenced, he believes, by merciful motives) a free-will offering of some million pounds sterling without any conditions, allowing eight days." With a blindness not usual in that astute and clear-sighted statesman, Mr. DISRAELI rejected what, Mr. GRACIE forcibly says, "the criminality of parties in England being known, and all the facts within Governments and Cabinets being known, would begin to appear a sensible course." And as a consequence of this inexplicable fatuity, we are to expect the most appalling results. "There was then," says Mr. GRACIE, and he adds with impressive solemnity, "is now, as it were, a volcano beneath the feet of the social and Christian welfare; and it was proper that there should have been an immediate freely-offered disposition to meet or abrogate a certain position." The difficulty of making sense out of this last assertion cannot blind us to the probability that its mysterious unintelligibility hides a terrible menace. Perhaps the royal and injured GRACIE is even now fitting out from Sag Harbor or Coney Island a new Armada to enforce his rights. Perhaps he will lead another Fenian invasion, or he may even contemplate rushing single-handed to the discomfiture of the hated GUELPH. In the latter event, it is to be hoped that he will begin the slaughter with that estimable young gentleman, whose career must long since have made Wales revile the memory of the Black Prince.

So much for our two American Pretenders. Italy furnishes us a third in some respects more curious than either. Some time since there arrived at Bazzi an individual who styled himself FRANCIS II., Ex-King of the Two Sicilies. His person, his manners and his suite bore out the imposture, and drew around him numerous adherents of his cause. These he received with the utmost graciousness, lavishing pensions and titles with right royal generosity, and to crown all at last gave a grand banquet to his most distinguished supporters. As the festivities were at their highest, they were suddenly and disagreeably interrupted by the entrance of a number of carabineers, who carried off the entire party to prison. And the Italian journal which gives this entertaining account, ends with the significant statement that "the Police are said to have seized several documents compromising numerous influential persons in Rome."

Between the not unusual hallucination of Mr. MCGINNIS, the preposterous mingling of royalty and commerce in the propositions of Mr. GRACIE, and the impudent imposture of the pseudo monarch of Bazzi, there are many grades of idiocy. But, as in the latter case, so probably in the two former, there are other idiots to believe and support. Many well-meaning people shared Gov. ENGLISH'S singular delusion that he had been elected Governor of Connecticut; and Mr. GRACIE'S rustic neighbors possibly look forward to the time when they will visit him at St. James's. If there is anything more remarkable than human credulity, it is human capacity for self-delusion.

Mysterious Disappearance.

We have received a series of letters from writers who heartily approved of our suggestion that the new Court-house in City Hall Park be adopted as the monumental tribute of the City to "Boss" TWEED. Among the letters is one from a sculptor, who kindly proffers his professional services to carve the bust of the "Boss," with its allegorical adjuncts, which is to surmount the dome of the new building. He signs his name "Smith," and, as a proof of his qualifications for the task, says he is a near relative of HENRY SMITH, the bosom friend of the "Boss," and that he is the man who "sculpted" the Cardiff Giant. Under these circumstances, we feel no hesitation in recommending him to the Commissioners of the Court-house as just the man to execute this great work of art.

The long controversy about the "Tweed monument" being thus satisfactorily settled, and a competent sculptor having been secured, we shall expect to see the work pushed forward rapidly to completion. And here it may not be out of place to give a word of caution to the Commissioners, who at present have the work in charge. Now that the building is to be devoted to the sacred uses of a monument, as well as a Court-house, the public will insist that there shall be no more "stealings" in connection with the job, and that the work shall be done "on the square." There must be no more "palatial mansions" erected for politicians out of the appropriations for the Court-house, and no more marble quarries opened for the benefit of speculators. The people will hold the Commissioners to a rigid accountability for their expenditures, and will require them to produce vouchers for all their bills. They have already been taxed six millions, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of which all but two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was for the "completion" of the work, and they begin to think it in about time it was completed.

We desire, also, to call the attention of the Commissioners to a mysterious disappearance of the appropriation of six hundred thousand dollars, made by the Legislature of 1870, and to inquire if they are able to furnish any clue as to what has become of it. By referring to the County tax levy of that year they will find, in Section 11, the following:

"To provide for the final completion of the new County Court-house in New-York, the Mayor of said City is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint four Commissioners; and upon the appointment of said Commissioners all powers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York over the erection of said Court-house shall cease. The said Commissioners shall have the power to expend, and shall complete said Court-house for a sum not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars, which amount is the Controller of the City of New-York is hereby authorized and directed to raise on the stock of the County of New-York. The money so raised shall be paid by the Controller on vouchers approved by the Commissioners herein authorized, and to be filed in his office."

It will be recollected that Mayor HALL, for some reason best known to himself, neglected to appoint the "Commissioners" authorized by the above act, until late in the Fall (December, if we recollect right) of 1870, nearly seven months after the passage of the act. He then appointed as said "four Commissioners," Senator MICHAEL NORTON, Alderman THOMAS COMAN, JAMES H. INGERSOLL, son of a large furniture dealer in this City, and JOHN J. WALSH, who keeps a stall in Washington Market. These gentlemen constitute the present Commission. Soon after their appointment, and when the public was looking for a resumption of the work on the Court-house, it began to be whispered about, at first cautiously, then more openly, and at last it was publicly announced, that there was no money with which to resume the work—that in point of fact, and not to make any further bones about it, the six hundred thousand dollars appropriated in the tax levy of that year had already been spent. The result was that the new Commissioners, who were required by the law to "complete" the Court-house with the sum already appropriated, were unable to even resume work on it, and were compelled, as their predecessors, the Board of Supervisors, had done a dozen times before, to go to the Legislature and ask for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars more.

Now, as the act making the appropriation of six hundred thousand dollars for 1870, expressly forbade the Controller to pay out a cent of the money except on vouchers "approved by the Commissioners" above named, we would like to know where the money went to. It would be useless to inquire of the Controller, for the transactions of his office are a sealed book to the public, and have been for three years past. But the new Commissioners owe it to themselves to explain how the matter stood when they came into office. If Mr. CONNOLLY paid out this money on vouchers not "approved" by them, it was another instance of his gross violation of the law, for which they and the public should hold him responsible. If the Commissioners, after coming into office, approved of the vouchers of their predecessors, the Board of Supervisors, and thus left themselves without any money to continue the work, they also owe it to the public to state this fact, and to give a list of the vouchers thus "approved" by them. The tax-payers of this City have never yet had an opportunity to see a single voucher for any item of the six and a half millions of dollars paid by them to build the new Court-house, and it would be a curiosity to look at one. They certainly are entitled to know what has become of the six millions that so mysteriously disappeared from the fund; and we trust that Senator NORTON, the President of the Commission, who, whatever may be his faults, is not a mercenary man, and has the reputation of being "square" in money matters, will consent to throw a little light on the subject.

Chinese Good Faith.

There is equal propriety and justice in the general denunciation, which has found voice at the religious meetings held here and elsewhere during the past few days, with regard to the reactionary movement in China. Naturally, there is small satisfaction in seeing a mission field, which has now for fifty years been cultivated at vast expense of funds and faith, suddenly shut against further attempts at tillage. And, Christianity aside, the spirit of progress and civilization looks on with dismay to find that the sanguine hopes founded on the Burlingame Embassy and its doings are so rudely dispelled at a moment's notice.

But, without discussing the questions which the missionary and the social reformer have to consider in this matter, we may fitly inquire what action our Government has taken or purposes to take under circumstances which involve as bold a violation of treaty stipulations as the history of diplomatic relations records. The recent Imperial decree abolishes schools established for the instruction of females; restricts teaching to Government rules and regulations; prohibits the promulgation of any doctrines which do not agree with those of CONFUCIUS, and transfers the missionaries from their former independent position, and from the protection of their own Governments, to direct subjection to the Chinese Emperor. To have likewise decreed the refusal of compensation for damages growing out of the massacre of foreigners a few months ago, is the natural result of the repudiation of those principles of reform which the world welcomed only a short time ago.

When, in 1858, the United States executed a treaty with China, that document contained a provision that "any person, whether citizen of the United States or Chinese convert, shall be allowed, without persecution or molestation, peaceably to teach and practice the principles of Christianity." The Burlingame Treaty, made ten years later, emphasized these very points, and in its fourth article contained an agreement that the people of either nation, when in either country, should enjoy perfect religious liberty, and be exempt from persecution on account of their faith or worship. So far as our country is concerned, this treaty has been sacredly observed—as witness the joss-houses and entire freedom of religious ritual allowed the "Heathen Chinee" wherever he cares to settle in America. On the other hand, the conduct of the Imperial Government has not been in the line of decent respect for our rights, and the rights of its own people, under these treaty stipulations. This recent proclamation is, in fact, an insult to the United States which cannot safely be overlooked, and, whether we will or not, we are compelled to take up the matter in defense of our missionaries and their converts. When our present Minister, Mr. LOW, sailed for China, he received instructions from the State Department, which indicate a determination on the part of the United States to insist upon the faithful fulfillment of the treaty in its entirety. Even within the past year, an instance of provocation have been reported. Secretary FISH has directed Minister LOW to inform the Celestial authorities "that any violation of the rights of our citizens, and any flagrant violation of treaty stipulations of other Powers, may cause a change of the traditional policy of the United States in their intercourse with China." This certainly was a very courteously-worded threat. And now that the "violations" have occurred, under aggravating circumstances, too, the country awaits with some impatience and anxiety the intimation of a decided line of policy on the part of our Government.

MINOR TOPICS.

It is a thousand pities that our New-York rowdies are not more frequently moved to pay professional visits to New-Jersey. A redoubtable shoulder-hitter of the First Ward, named JOHN ENNIGHT, went to Hoboken about a fortnight ago, in pursuit of a contemplated victim. Seizing a favorable opportunity, he struck the object of his regards with some heavy weapon, and having emptied his pockets, made off. In Jersey, however, people do not, as a rule, pass by on the other side when they see a fellow-creature in the hands of a ruffian. ENNIGHT was pursued and captured by a man who heard the groans of his victim. At the Hudson County Court of Quarter Sessions, on Friday, the gentleman from New-York was sentenced to ten years' hard labor in the State Prison. Had we a little more of Jersey pluck and Jersey justice, we should not improbably effect in a short time, a serious diminution of the Democratic majorities in this City.

The irony of circumstances is forcibly illustrated in the denial by Senator SUMNER, yesterday, that he had made any such speech in Executive Session upon the Treaty of Washington as the New-York *Herald* attributed to him. Mr. SUMNER, in the course of the San Domingo discussion last year, introduced with a good deal of flourish certain facts from the *Herald* correspondence, which turned out to have the not uncommon characteristic of being bogus. We are not aware that Mr. SUMNER ever disavowed the strictures based upon the imaginative statements in question. If his confidence in the *Herald* remained unimpaired, it must have been somewhat rudely shaken by the very circumstantial report of the speech which he never delivered. To be alluded to as "the Thunderer who leaked the Clarendon-Johnson Treaty out of existence," may be rather flattering, but to be represented as talking very bald nonsense, is too much to stand even from one's friends.

Somebody styling himself a representative of the Parisian Commune has been sending circulars to sundry members of the English nobility, in which he states that he has come to London by order of the Committee of Public Safety "to sell the pictures of the Louvre at once, and for cash only." The Communists are evidently the only true cosmopolitans. They have already seriously proposed to turn Versailles and St. Cloud into beer-gardens; they have smashed the Column Vendôme, and want to melt the silver candlesticks of Notre Dame. Things honored by patriotic Frenchmen are the objects of their special aversion. The Commune is above country and national sentiment, and by its contemptuous disregard of both, is doing its best to earn the execration of Frenchmen to the end of time. The Prussians refrained from violating the artistic sanctities of the Louvre, and the leaders of the Commune will earn a deathless infamy if they prove less forbearing than the foreign enemy.

The Communists show an amount of devotion in their resistance to the Government which contrasts strongly with the dilatory action of the troops of Versailles. The present possessors of Paris will doubtless be best remembered in history for their indolence and their vandalism, but they have also some claim to be credited with a fair share of administrative ability and a wonderful tenacity of purpose. If they have pillaged churches and defaced Paris, they have also, it is admitted, kept the city orderly and rid it of sundry social abominations. They have invented scores of imaginary victories over the Versailles troops, but they have also given them more trouble than any outside observer believed they could. The Gobelin amounces the repulse of seven different attacks made upon the ramparts by the troops occupying the Bois de Boulogne. Paris is apparently to be defended as Saragossa was; corner houses are being cleared for conversion into sorsons for musketry, and barricades are multiplying with each day that is added to the siege. M. THIERS has lately shortened from the well worn announcement that the decisive moment has arrived. He has probably come to the conclusion that once inside of Paris, the most difficult part of the enterprise may have only begun.

The "French Girl's Monument," in Green-Wood Cemetery, has a long-established reputation as one of the sights of the Metropolitan district. The sad story of CHARLOTTE CANDA has found its latest sequel in the death of her mother. First there was the fatal episode of the party given in honor of the eighteenth birthday of the accomplished and beautiful girl, the return home in the bitter cold of a Winter's night, the stoppage at the New-York Hotel, and the runaway horses which the terrified driver could not control, and in whose flight the fair girl who lies in Green-Wood was thrown out and killed. Then came the incident of the monument which Miss CANDA had directed shortly before her death, and which Italian workmen embodied in marble. The poignant grief, voluntary seclusion and untimely death of her father, made the next chapter in the melancholy record to which her mother's death at Boulogne-sur-Mer, gives a mournful termination.

One of the most notable facts about the present distracted state of French parties is the growing conviction, even among those most unfavorable to such an event, that the chances of an Imperialist restoration have improved since the termination of the war with Germany. The shame of the disaster of Sedan has been half forgotten in the humiliation of the German occupation of Paris and in the deeper sting of the possession by the Commune. The Empire failed in war, but so did the Republic—moderates and extremists alike. NAPOLEON III. held to the last his theory of the necessity of what he called the "hierarchy in democracy," a system which should give Frenchmen the power of naming their rulers, but once named, should relieve them of all participation in the cares of self-government. It is conceivable that a nation, "sickening of a vague disease," should, in sheer despair, bethink itself once more of the anodyne of personal power, but it is perfectly certain that the awakening from a new slumber of inaction would be still more fatal than the last.

FREDERICK TREMAIN, who is said to have been kicked off the front platform by the conductor of a Third-avenue car, died from the effect of injuries thereby received, in Bellevue Hospital, yesterday. Should the allegations made in this case turn out to be well founded, it is to be hoped that justice will not stop short at the man who is said to have committed the outrage. The street railroad companies are responsible, like any other corporations, for the acts of their servants, and any attempt to induce them to give the requisite attention to the character of the men they employ will be perfectly hopeless, unless they are convinced that their failure to do so will be a costly form of neglect. As sundry correspondents have pointed out, all the companies are not equally blameable in this respect. The practice of intrusting the custody of human lives to reckless and brutal roughs is, however, sufficiently common to demand a sharp lesson, with a view to its correction.

Prince BISMARCK has made a long speech in the German Reichstag about the incorporation of Alsace and Lorraine with Germany. It is a curious mixture of statesmanlike argument and amusing overstatement of facts. The arguments which moved the German leaders to oppose the neutralization of the ceded provinces are very fairly and clearly stated, and the strategic and other reasons for their annexation are perfectly conclusive, once the fundamental principle tacitly assumed by the speaker, are conceded. It is a little diverting, however, to find Prince BISMARCK talking of the inhabitants of these provinces having formed "a kind of aristocracy in France," and alleging as one of the proofs of this, that "they were the substitutes in the army, the gendarmes, the officials." The grade of State occupation generally commanded by Alsatians, is pretty accurately represented by their position as army substitutes, which hardly coincides with any conception we can form of a literal or metaphorical "aristocracy."

Anniversary Exercises of the Yale Divinity School.

The anniversary exercises of the Yale Divinity School took place in New-Haven on Thursday. In the morning the graduates delivered theses in the College-street Church. A large audience listened to the speakers with much interest. In the afternoon a meeting of the Alumni, which was numerously attended, was held in the chapel of the Centre Church, Rev. Dr. BUDDINGTON, of Brooklyn, presiding. Interesting addresses were made by several clergymen, and the Secretary, Prof. GEORGE E. DAY, made a statement in which he spoke of the donation of the Marquand Chapel, the endowment of the Lyman Beecher lectureship on preaching, which will be filled by Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER; the gift of a reference library by HENRY TROWBRIDGE, Esq.; a gift of $4,000 by the endowment of the Seminary, by Rev. CHARLES BIGELOW, of New-Britain; another gift of $5,000 by Senator BUCKINGHAM, and various other smaller donations. Resolutions of thanks were passed to these benefactors, and of sympathy with Mrs. Dr. PITCH in her recent bereavement. A collation was served in the Divinity Hall, and at 6½ o'clock a reception was tendered welcoming the coming of the Rev. Dr. HARMAN to the Dwight Professorship of Didactic Theology. In the evening an address was delivered by President A. D. SMITH, of Dartmouth College. Dr. SMITH took for his theme, the indispensable qualities required in a minister of the gospel. The seminary will be closed until September, when it is expected will enter a larger class than ever before.

THE BOYS IN BOULOGNE.

All the world will regret the fall and irreparable shattering of the splendid bronze column in the Place Vendôme, which for so long seemed not only worthily ornamental, one of the finest aspects to one of the greatest cities, but also serving, in the semblance of a huge exclamation-point, to emphasize the memory of one of the most remarkable campaigns of the real NAPOLEON. But the same disposition which bring the commemorators of this long-suffering city also causes sentimental allusions to the ravages of war which appear to be contemplating the final destruction of one of the most attractive features, as well as one of the most valuable adjuncts, of that material progress which has seemed to make and distinguish the City of Paris—her great park and pleasure-ground, the Bois de Boulogne.

HOW IT WAS LAID OUT.

Wanderers might have seen the difference of opinion entertained among the whimsical and expensive embellishments carried on in the city by the Second Empire, as to their necessity or utility, whether the great streets and boulevards were to be the instruments of hygienic science, or of military precaution, whether they were primarily intended for the circulation of air or of grapeshot, whether that pervading system of central squares and diverging avenues was planned to facilitate popular travel, and the easy movement of metropolitan crowds, or the rapid concentration of squadrons and battalions, the unanimous voice of the city approved all the work done and all the money spent in the great park. It had at the beginning not offended the most pervading field for such a work. There was indeed the ample spread of ground, covered in certain spots in extent, but it comprised that happy mixture of undulating and irregular surface, with a clayey and gravelly mixture that was impervious to rain in dry, and consisting but limited and feeble elements of fertility. The topographical situation of the tract was reasonably good; if it was a trifle too flat to answer the demands of a landscape, it was the same easily traversed by the crowds of pedestrians for whom it was in part destined. It was the growth upon it which was most definitive for the purpose intended. "Bois" was rather a misnomer. Excepting in the remote and picturesquely of the world, and along some of the ordinarily-planted avenues, there were no trees that justified its being called a "wood." Many for the greater extent was covered with insignificant thickets, and not even Viscount GRANVILLE, of baptismal, a dwarfish and predominating growth. French drill in landscape gardening had made of Versailles more of a forest. Many of the pleasures and gardening diversions of the people of the Bois as effectually as a French cook will discipline a bad egg: in an omelet. What with the length, breadth and perfect soundness of its drives; what with its artificial lakes and picturesque islands, connected with a fine bull and cascade; what with its cascades and cataracts; what with its winding walks and expansive lawns; what with its bridges, it had indeed become a "thing of beauty," and the recollections of its subsequential glories will, in the minds of all classes of Parisians, form one of the strongest and most persistent arguments of all efforts of the founder of his Uncle to create and perpetuate an Imperial reign.

THE GARDENS.

At least the French people have a true love of nature; it has only been cramped and repressed in the social usages and practice that grew out of their constituted system of politics. They would have enjoyed the "fêtes champêtres" of the French old régime more, but even in these days when made it one of her many boasts that she was at once a passion and a necessity for all classes. Had that ambitious party of the House of HOHENZOLLERN not become a candidate for the Spanish Throne a year ago, these great May days of the open week would have come to Paris in the midst of a blossoming season, as it has been every day for a decade. Lamentable contrast with the dissipations of Winter, the Paris fashionables going to their afternoon drive in the great Park with something more of order and enjoyment than the more mundane of opera haunts would have inspired. The fresh air and verdure must have proved a welcome to the young belle who, during the Winter, had danced herself into the incipient stages of consumption, or to the seamstress who had sat in a close cell room inhaled the stifling and killing fumes of her atmosphere. Perhaps the greatest charm of the Bois was that spirit of equality for which the French are so frequently lectured. It accorded with the radical democratic tendencies of the French, that there there should be no right of way except what was demanded by the great invited convivers of the imperial carriage itself. All believe that the attractions to the imperial presence of certain drives or localities were due to the fact that the Emperor, in the most fastened of dreams, did not feel himself called on to name any of the carriage of SOUBISE, and the reigning horses would drive for hours with the most innocent sang froid among the numerous equipages of the Princes HIMSELF. This joining of ranks and contact gave a fictitious zest to the pastime, as to many other besides. The Parisian is never so much wearied of gazing on it. Whether in the Champs Elysées or in the Bois, they used to sit for hours in their chairs, hiring the whole walk in a compact border, looking at the endless panorama, which was one as the stream, and yet infinite in its variety as the ocean.

SUNDAY IN THE BOIS.

After all Sunday was the great day, when the weary shop-keepers and artisans came out from the confinement of their cell-like nests in the heart of the city, came out for a day and a time. They started early in the morning; they trudged out unflaggingly one, two and three miles, bearing a heavy load of refreshments for the family the playful ball and rolled hoop to be run-in the long grass, the quiet nap in the shade and on the grass of the Bois. They passed a careless and contented day. They talked, read, played, romped and slept, old and young with all the abandon of childhood. When noon came they ate their very frugal meals, and when evening came they returned, refreshing all the while like maspies. Then more play and more sleep, until the lengthening shadows warned them to begin their weary trudge homeward. This family picnicking was a prominent feature of the Sunday life in the Bois; and to the more careless and gay it was a holiday when little or no dinner was served in all their wide desert of dissipation, and evil example, and vicious atmosphere, in that city so busy with turmoil and labor, and so replete with abnormal and unhealthy excitements, socially and morally. It was the single morning contrast to the description of the *Paris Journal* and the dance of the Prado.

DESOLATION.

Since Sedan, the glory of the Bois has departed. All (and many Parisians had hoped that the Paris would escape a siege, it must have left him on learning that NAPOLEON III. had so deliberately walked into the Prussian toils. From that time began the more serious preparations for defense, which, of necessity, involved the beginning of the end of the natural and artificial embellishments of the great park. First it became essential to mount guns on the western ramparts and to clear and barricade the gates of Paris. Maillot, of the Avenue de l'Impératrice, and of Passy, leading directly into the Bois. When the guns were mounted, and the defenders, with their munitions, it was essential to cut away all the trees within a certain range, to make room for the balls and grape-shot that were to check or repulse the enemy. This destroyed by far the finest and largest wood in the whole park, or at least in that portion of it so accessible to the avalanches of pedestrians who came from the heart of the city. Since the Prussians have been stationed on the slopes of Louveciennes and Marly, and through the Bois it has formed neutral ground between the Communists and Versailles. But the forces of the latter, with a steady eye on the strategic value of the heights

THE SELF-EXILED SOUTHERNERS.

Terrible Sufferings of the Planters Who Went to Brazil.

A Picture of Despair, Depravity and Destitution—An Intelligent Painter's Opinion of Brazil and His Visitors—A Sensational Story Refuted.

Immediately after the collapse of the great rebellion, hundreds of the adherents of the "Lost Cause," some of whom had been soldiers in the armies of the defeated Confederacy, and many of whom had, previous to the war been large planters, believing that an existence within the limits of the United States was absolutely unendurable, emigrated to the flourishing Empire of Brazil. The colonial colonists were led to believe that in Brazil they would find a climate and country suited to their luxurious natures, and a land flowing with milk and honey even in their imaginations as their future portion.

The Government of Brazil, thinking that it saw a favorable opportunity to the diminished population of the Southern States, of colonizing Brazil's enormous tracts of unoccupied territory with experienced agriculturists, established consignment agencies in New-York, Richmond, Savannah, Mobile, and New-Orleans. These depots were expressly provided with a view of expediting emigration, by offering, as it was supposed by the emigrants, superior facilities and inducements for making Brazil an attractive home for the settler. The agent in this City, Seattle boasting a number of Southerners, furnished transportation to over 2,000 persons, comprising among them the "rough scruff" gathered from all quarters of the habitable globe, ready and willing for anything except hard work. Arriving at Rio de Janeiro, most of the latter class of emigrants refused to comply with their contract by colonizing the interior, and remained in the vicinity of the capital, taking out a miserable existence as best they could. After making the City of Rio a perfect pandemonium for nearly two years, they were sent home at Government expense; the Brazilians feeling perfectly satisfied in suffering the additional expense in order to be released from their contracts unbroken.

But a number of very estimable gentlemen, among whom were tobacco-growers from Virginia, cotton planters from the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, and extensive sugar-planters from the famous Red River district of Louisiana and Middle Texas, dazzled by the brilliant prospect of recuperating their declining fortunes, emigrated with their families to the provinces of San Paulo and Espirita Santo, in lower Brazil. Whole districts of the finest land in the South, from Maryland to Texas, were snapped for a mere song. Entire counties were almost completely depopulated by the great exodus of respectable emigrants and disreputable adventurers, who were alike infected with the fever for Brazilian colonization. It has now been nearly six years since the departure of the first party of Brazilian colonists from the United States, and in all there must have been several thousand persons of all classes and degrees who have left their comparatively comfortable homes in the free States of America, to exchange them for experimental residences in the wilds of monarchical Brazil.

These misled people have since learned a terrible lesson of sad experience, and now bitterly regret the course they have pursued. Every day, in the gay thoroughfares of the Brazilian Capital, are to be seen hundreds who have, years gone by, revelled in luxury and influence, and who are now actually begging from door to door, and making a poor, prideful effort to drown their miseries by spending the pittance thus obtained in the nearest drinking booth, where potent libations of villainous *aguadiente*—the vilest decoction in Christendom—is peddled out the smallest fraction of a cent. The writer of this sketch was walking down the Rua Dereita, the great boulevard of Rio de Janeiro, one evening last Thursday, when he was accosted by a miserable, ragged and squalid-looking object, who implored him, "for God's sake, give me only a vintem" (less than a quarter of a cent) "to get something to eat." The wretched man said that he had been in Brazil four years. He had left a young wife and child in Baltimore, and had emigrated with many others, whom he said were then as destitute as he, hoping to repair his fortunes, but instead, he had been going rapidly down hill ever since he had first landed on Brazilian soil. The gentleman—for, despite his haggard look and ragged appearance, the man bore the semblance of respectability—said that he was a graduate of the Pennsylvania College Medical school, in Philadelphia, and had at one time a large and lucrative practice in Richmond, Va. When reaching Brazil he had at first endeavored to practice medicine among the American colonists of the San Paulo province, but the colonists were as poor as he, and he was finally compelled to return to Rio de Janeiro sick at heart and much more sick in body. Wandering about the dingy streets of the lower part of the vast city for days upon days without a place to lay his head or scarcely a morsel to eat, he at last, applied to the city authorities for employment, and, though greatly debilitated by long suffering and exposure, he accepted work on the public highways. Under the scorching rays of a torrid sun this gentleman trundled his barrow through the streets of Rio, filled with sand or stone for the pavers at work on the boulevards. Finally the doctor was taken ill, and was consequently obliged to relinquish even that laborious means of subsistence, and a few days after the rencontre on the Rua Dereita, spoken of above, he was found dead in a filthy hovel in an obscure section of the city. Being a Protestant he was denied a Christian burial by the ecclesiastical authorities, when fortunately a few generous-hearted American sea-captains and the officers of the United States Flag-ship *Lancaster* had the poor fellow decently interred.

In a remote quarter at one of the lowest precincts of the capital is a ricketty little building, far inferior in its filthy, slovenly appearance to the vilest Sixth Ward groggery in this City. Over the door of the dilapidated hovel is a sign in glaring capitals, which proclaims the nationality of its owner beyond all question. The sign reads thus: "The Dixie Free and Easy Concert Saloon." There, behind the counter of that miserable Brazilian drinking-shop, surrounded by lewd women, and dispensing the commonest native liquors to as vile a set of scoundrels as ever cut a throat, is all that remains of a man who was once a might among his people—a man who has been the Mayor of one of the principal cities of the United States, and also a prominent officer in the Southern army. His story is not dissimilar from that of the poor physician. Want, despair, drink, and its attendant evils, has made him what he is. In the penal colony of Ferdinand de Noronha are two or three gentlemen criminals who were once respected citizens of the South, but who, having lost all their worldly possessions in the United States, were tempted to emigrate to Brazil by visions of speedy affluence and freedom from toil, and having these bright dreams so speedily dispelled, concluded, it seems, that honor was only a mite more to lose, recklessly plunged into an abyss of fraud and forgery, and as a consequence are now enduring a miserable existence on the lonely island of Noronha as Brazilian convicts.

A very intelligent gentleman, who was formerly an extensive sugar-planter on the Bayou Sara, in Louisiana, recently stated, while on a visit to Rio from his new home in the province of San Paulo, that he was not alone among the Southern colonists when he said that he was insensely disgusted with the country, and would willingly return to his good old home in Louisiana if he had but the means. Said he, "Brazil is an immense country, there is no doubt, and has all the known climates and soils of the world. Nature has lavished upon her, it is true, her choicest gifts, and there is perhaps no more delightful country in the world for a rich man, and certainly no worse one for a man of moderate means, to live in than Brazil. "But," he continued, "men live for society as well as for climate, and still, the difference between Anglo-Saxon to become habituated to the customs and practices of the effete Portuguese who here have been engrafted upon a stupid, stolid Indian stock. Of all the emigrants who have come to Brazil from the Southern States I know of but one who has been contented, and he, a reverend gentleman from Tennessee, who secured his wealth by obtaining grants of land at nominal prices from the Brazilian Government, and jobbed the tracts out to his credulous fellow-countrymen at extortionate figures. In the legitimate exercise of his vocation as a planter," continued the gentleman, "you may rest assured not one of us has been with success."

The above are only a few of the instances of the results of an attempt to plant a North American colony upon the soil of Brazil. They are by no means overdrawn pictures, and, are in brevity and episodes in the history of a misguided people who have come to this country by every steamer of the destination, among the Southern emigrants in all parts of Brazil. The statements are in the main correct, and there are no doubt thousands who would gladly return home, had they the means to do so. Yet, there is one little weakness which has been signalized generally by the Press throughout the United States, which the Brazilian Consul-General at this port, the Chevalier D'AGUIAR, desires to have emphatically contradicted through the columns of the TIMES. It is in reference to the seizure of the persons of two daughters of a prominent planter of Mocassin, Texas, and the subsequent enslavement of the fair Southerners, to gratify the sexual claims of a hard-hearted Brazilian, to whom the father had become pecuniarily indebted for a large amount. The Consul-General of Brazil yesterday informed the writer that even had the debtor become a naturalized citizen of the United States, he was amenable to the laws of the country for the seduction of his daughters, such an act was absolutely impossible according to Brazilian law. Indeed, the institution of slavery, by a solemn edict of the Emperor, was being subverted by a system of gradual emancipation, and even were such the fact, the children are never made amenable to the Brazilian statutes for the liabilities of the parent.

Chevalier D'AGUIAR in conclusion, said: "That story has done my country great injustice. It is not the case of negroes and mulattoes alone are populated by an intelligent people, who are always ready to follow the injunctions of Christian law and justice. I therefore reiterate, Sir, that the whole story, from beginning to end, is without the slightest foundation in fact."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

News of the Week.

ITALIAN OPERA.

Mr. ALBITES has been tempted by his unlooked-for success to give three more nights of opera. Consequently "Crispino" is to be sung on Monday, "Linda" on Wednesday, and "Don Giovanni" on Friday. These, with a matinée of "Faust" on Saturday, will, it is declared, positively wind up the season. For some reasons it might have been preferable to ape the original programme rigidly adhered to, but it is hard, no doubt, to forego a golden harvest when it looks ripe for the sickle, and we hope the judgment of Mr. ALBITES in making this change will be approved by the event. During the past week "Faust" has been again heard to much advantage, and "Martha," "I Vespre Siciliani" and "Roberto" have filled the remaining opera nights. There is little to add to our repeated congratulations on the prosperity of this season. Mr. ALBITES has astonished everybody, himself included, on a success of unlooked-for brilliancy, and nearly all things connected with it can be looked back upon with pleasure. Among these, the decided improvement of our young American prima donna, Miss KELLOGG, has been most gratifying. Miss KELLOGG has sung better, acted better and looked better during this engagement than ever before in New-York, or, we fancy, elsewhere; which is saying a great deal, but nothing more than is well deserved. Of last evening's performance of MEYERBEER'S "Roberto" we shall write hereafter.

THE THEATRES.

We recorded, on Tuesday, the impressions created by BYRON'S comedy of "Not Such a Fool as He Looks," at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, and of a new version of the fascinating theme of "Jack Sheppard" at the Olympic. These have been the chief dramatic novelties of the week. "Randall's Thumb" has been kept on the bills at Wallack's, and as superseded to-morrow night by Mr. BROUGHAM'S "Playing with Fire," in which the popular author will himself appear. At Booth's Theatre "A Winter's Tale" continues to draw profitable houses. "Rank" maintains its hold on popular affection at Lina Edwin's. At Niblo's the American play of "Fit, the Arkansas Traveler," aided by the talents of Mr. F. S. CHANFRAU, has gained steadily in public favor. There is little doubt that this piece is destined to make a continued success. There are to be various changes in Mr. MATHEWS' programmes at the Fifth-avenue this week. To-morrow, "Used Up" and "Gatherwool" are to be played; on Tuesday, "Married for Money" and "£1,000 a Year;" and on Wednesday, "A Bachelor of Arts" and "The Critic." These bills are all capital ones, and should be very attractive. Wood's Museum is doing a capital day and evening business, with constantly varied attractions, among which Mr. MATHEWS's play of "Hop" has been conspicuous. At the Olympic, the fresh version of "Jack Sheppard" has drawn large houses, and is therefore announced for continued repetition.

CENTRAL PARK GARDEN.

Mr. THEODORE THOMAS and his fine band are at their old post once more in Central Park Garden, and the summer nights can again be enjoyed in that cool retreat, while really excellent music charms the ear. We look to see the Central Park Garden a more popular resort than ever this year. The course of urban populamon favors this idea, and the nature of the attraction is sure to be better appreciated as it is better known. Mr. THOMAS has our best wishes for the success of his season.

NEW GERMAN THEATRE.

The idea of erecting a new German theatre in New-York, to replace the present inconvenient, unsafe and badly-located building, has existed for some time among the intelligent, art-loving classes of our German fellow-citizens. That they should not already possess an establishment where the dramas of GOETHE and SCHILLER can be adequately represented, has been a matter of astonishment. There can be little doubt that the erection of a first-class theatre, devoted to the representation of the German drama, would prove a paying investment. That it would be patronized not only by Germans, but Americans, the large mixed audiences drawn to witness the representations of Mme. BERNACH, Herr DAWISON and other artists, sufficiently prove. We understand that a meeting of gentlemen interested in the new enterprise took place yesterday, at Lederkranz Hall.

Domestic Notes.

Mr. MILNES LEVICK has been engaged as the chief support for Mme. FANNY JANAUSCHEK, who will perform throughout the United States, in the Fall, with as strong a stock company as experience and liberality can form.... Miss NILSSON did not sing in Buffalo yesterday evening, as it was intended she should, and there is every likelihood that she will return to New-York ere this week closes.... Miss GLYN reads to-morrow evening in New-Haven.... Miss FANNIE MORGAN FERLEY has arrived in this city from San Francisco. She has not appeared in New-York since her engagement at Wood's Olympic—now Theatre Comique—in 1866.... M. SARASATE has returned to the United States from Lima, in Peru. He left in that city Miss CARLOTTA PATTI and M. RITTER, who will probably proceed to Europe direct.... Miss ADDIE RYAN, a Boston songstress, sailed for Europe on Thursday, with Mme. RUDERSDORFF and Mr. CUMMINGS, with a view to there completing her education.... A new opera-house will be opened in Auburn, in this State, on Monday evening. The structure contains upward of one thousand seats, and the stage is forty-five feet in width by forty-five in depth.... Mr. JOHN E. OWENS acted at De Bar's Opera-house, in St. Louis, last week.... At the St. Louis Olympic, Miss JANE COOMBS was performing.... Chicago amusements of last week included Miss LYDIA THOMPSON'S performance at the Crosby Opera-house, and Miss LOTTA'S at McVicker's Theatre.... Mr. DAVENPORT acted at the Boston Globe last week. Mr. JEFFERSON then ended his engagement at the Boston Theatre, and Mr. WALTER MONTGOMERY was at the Museum.... Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS read in Cleveland last week.... Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL BANDMANN acted last week at the Pittsburg Opera-house.... Mr. J. K. EMMETT was in Salt Lake City.... CARL FORMES took, last week, the place of Mr. DAYTON in the Richings Troupe.... "Mignon," by AMBROISE THOMAS, has just been sung in New-Orleans.... The Wyndham Comedy Company had prolonged their stay in New-Orleans to one week.... Mr. D. B. BOWERS was last in Rochester.... Mrs. LANDER is still reported at the California Theatre in San Francisco.... On June 5, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES MATHEWS begin a series of performances at the Globe Theatre in Boston.... Miss KATE REYNOLDS acted at the Arch-street Theatre last week.

Foreign Affairs.

The London *Times* thus writes of Mlle. MARIMON'S *début*: "A line must suffice for the present to record that the *début* of Mlle. MARIE MARIMON at Her Majesty's Opera last night, was a brilliant and well-merited success. The opera chosen for her was *La Sonnambula*, a most trying of all ordeals for a new comer, the character of *Amina* having been essayed in this country by so many great dramatic singers since MALIBRAN first represented it on the English stage, and in the English language, at Drury-lane Theatre, five or six-and-thirty years ago. Before the first act was finished, however, Mlle. MARIMON had shown herself the thorough mistress both of the dramatic action and of the music, which illustrates it with such simple eloquence. Her reception was enthusiastic, and at the termination of the opera she was thrice recalled and overwhelmed with applause."..... The exiracst following is from the *Pall Mall Gazette*: "Apropos of the performances to be given in London by the company of the Theatre Français, the *Daily News* has published a long and melancholy wail—a howl, we might almost say—on the condition of the stage in England, which, from a high literary point of view is no doubt very unsatisfactory; but we but few dramatic authors, properly so called; and vulgar spectacular pieces called burlesques, in which young women in scanty attire, with talent to match, play the principal parts, form the chief attraction at many of our theatres. All that is true. Long the cry raised by the *Daily News* is anything but new. Then they announced that Mr. MAPLESON'S 'Elijah' would be performed, with Sir MICHAEL COSTA'S orchestra and many fine singers, and it was given on the 14th inst. The result was as bad as ever. The sound was dispersed, and the reverberations suggestive of a swarm of mocking imps lurking throughout the vast building. When the chorus sang, 'Baal, hear and answer,' Baal and his satellites seemed really to hear and answer with a shower of echoes which quite overwhelmed the singers. There is no help for it; for musical purposes this costly edifice is a nuisance. Musical refinement is out of the question. The failure is the most humiliating, as it had been announced that the best architectural and scientific skill that civilization could furnish, or money command, was to make this hall a model among buildings, as he after whom it was made was a model among men. Then there is, as they would know, an industrial exhibition to be opened in the building on May 1. No doubt it will be a good place for that purpose, especially considering the fact that neither France nor Germany is just now in the way or mood of joining, to any great extent, in such an exhibition. Many exhibitions like that of Prince Albert's, in 1851, the building is much too large as it is. On the whole, the speculators have got their elephant, and what to do with such an unnecessary addition to the halls of London, will probably engage their minds (or what they so term) for some time to come."....

Alexandre DUMAS père, now at Geneva, occupied in giving lessons to the aristocratic refugees from the German Empire on the civil and distinguished order of the "Crown"..... Among the recent escapes from Paris are those of MM. SELIGMANN, the violoncellist, and GUSTAVE BERTRAND, the latter a well-known musical and dramatic critic.... It was stated that Mr. CHARLES HENGLER, the well-known circous proprietor, had taken the block of buildings in Argyll-street, Regent-street, known as the Palais Royale, and intended converting the same forthwith into a circus. The Lord Chamberlain had granted the required license..... The Royal International Opera House is a-building, to be erected in Oxford-street. The theatre is to contain accommodation for 2,200 persons, producing, at theatre prices, £270, and opera prices, £600 a night. There are to be shops or restaurants attached, with billiard-rooms, &c., and the whole cost is estimated at £400,000..... Miss ISABELLA GLYN, a sister of the well-known tragedienne, is about to make a first appearance at Edinburgh in a piece specially written for her by her mother. It is to be entitled "Fanchette; Or, The Will-o'-the-Wisp," and is a dramatic adaptation from the French of Mme. GEORGE SAND, and the German of Mme. BIRCH-PFEIFFER..... Mr. HENRY IRVING had signed a three years' engagement with Mr. BATEMAN, and will appear in Copperhet next at the Lyceum..... A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* thus refers to the new Albert Music Hall: "Two grand concerts have been given there beside the opening one. At the first the people sat, pressed their ears, strained out the sound as it came, saw who sat around the singers' feet heard them. The rest heard a chaotic reverberation of sounds, coming, some said, out of the dome, other some out of the cellars. The architects said they would easily remedy that; so they raised a kind of big screen or sounding-board, which they called the *drum*. Then they announced that MENDELSSOHN'S 'Elijah' would be performed, with Sir MICHAEL COSTA'S orchestra and many fine singers, and it was given on the 14th inst. The result was as bad as ever. The sound was dispersed, and the reverberations suggestive of a swarm of mocking imps lurking throughout the vast building. When the chorus sang, 'Baal, hear and answer,' Baal and his satellites seemed really to hear and answer with a shower of echoes which quite overwhelmed the singers. There is no help for it; for musical purposes this costly edifice is a nuisance. Musical refinement is out of the question. The failure is the most humiliating, as it had been announced that the best architectural and scientific skill that civilization could furnish, or money command, was to make this hall a model among buildings, as he after whom it was made was a model among men. Then there is, as they would know, an industrial exhibition to be opened in the building on May 1. No doubt it will be a good place for that purpose, especially considering the fact that neither France nor Germany is just now in the way or mood of joining, to any great extent, in such an exhibition. Many exhibitions like that of Prince Albert's, in 1851, the building is much too large as it is. On the whole, the speculators have got their elephant, and what to do with such an unnecessary addition to the halls of London, will probably engage their minds (or what they so term) for some time to come"

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JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.

WILL OFFER ON MONDAY, MAY 22,

LADIES' WHITE WALKING SUITS, RUFFLED AND BOOKING COMPLETE.

LADIES' COLORED WALKING SUITS, VARIOUS STYLES, FROM $8 TO $25.

LADIES' LINEN WALKING SUITS, AT $6 AND UPWARD.

LADIES' LINEN WALKING SUITS, PURE LINEN, $8 TO $25.

LADIES' SIQUE WALKING SUITS, $15.

LADIES' SWISS WALKING SUITS, $10 AND $12.

LIGHT COLORED ORGANDIE PERSILLE, $15. REDUCED FROM $20.

LINEN DRESSES, HANDSOMELY BRAIDED, FOR CHILDREN, FROM 2 TO 6 YEARS OLD, AT $2 75 TO $5.

GRAY LINEN BLOUSES, HANDSOMELY BRAIDED, $1 50, $1 75.

COTTON CHEMISES, TUCKED YOKES, 87½c.

CAMBRIC CHEMISES, TUCKED YOKES, $1.

LADIES' TUCKED SKIRTS, $2.

LADIES' BREAKFAST SACKS, $1.

FRENCH CORSETS, BEST SHAPES, 75c.

ZEPHYR CORSET, FOR WARM WEATHER, 37½c.

FOR CHILDREN, PIQUE DRESSES, HANDSOMELY BRAIDED, FROM $4.

PIQUE WALKING COATS, INFANTS' CLOAKS, LACE CAPS, SILKS, FLANNELS AND CAMBRIC SKIRTS, ZOILET BASKETS, &c., &c.,

IN STOCK OR MADE TO ORDER.

INFANTS' WARDROBES COMPLETE, $25.

LADIES' TROUSSEAU, $125.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.,

WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM THEIR FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC THAT THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SOLE AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED

"ORIGINAL JOUVIN KID GLOVE,"

MANUFACTURED BY THE HOUSE OF THE INVENTOR, AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE IN STOCK A FRESH ASSORTMENT OF ALL THE LATEST STYLES AND COLORS; IN 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 8 BUTTONS.

THEY WILL ALSO CLOSE OUT,

ON MONDAY, MAY 22,

THE BALANCE OF THEIR FORMER STOCK (EXCLUSIVELY MADE) AT THE FOLLOWING LOW PRICES!

LADIES' GLOVES, 1 BUTTON, AT $1 00 PER PAIR.

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JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH-ST.,

ON MONDAY, MAY 22,

WILL OFFER EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS TO PURCHASERS OF SILKS.

100 PIECES OF COLORED CHECKED SILKS, at $1 00, reduced from $1 50.

50 PIECES OF BLACK AND WHITE CHECKED SILKS, at $1 50, reduced from $1 50.

50 PIECES OF COLORED STRIPED SILKS, at $1 50, reduced from $1 75.

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100 PIECES 24-INCH COLORED GROS GRAIN SILKS, AT $2, IN ALL THE FASHIONABLE SHADES, BEST VALUE EVER OFFERED.

AN ELEGANT LINE OF RICH COLORED GROS GRAINS, in most desired shades, from $3 to the finest imported.

COLORED TRIMMING SILKS, in all the desirable shades, from $1 to $2.

GREAT BARGAINS IN BLACK GROS GRAIN SILKS, AT $1 50, $1 75, $2, $2 25, AND $2 50.

INDIA CAMEL'S HAIR SHAWLS, OF RARE BEAUTY OF DESIGN AND COLORING, AT GREATLY-REDUCED PRICES.

LLAMA LACE POINTS AND SACKS, IN GREAT VARIETY, AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

CUSTOMERS AND STRANGERS ARE INVITED TO CALL AND EXAMINE.

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It is an old maxim that a good article is always the cheapest in the end, and so nothing does this more plainly than in dress. Under such circumstances it is impossible for the consumer to know if good make from a best one till worn, and the only safe course to pursue is to purchase a fabric that is known and used to be such well. The Diamond Mohair is one of the honest old original makes that first rendered the fabric popular for their brilliancy, color and lasting qualities, and are as well made now as they were twenty years ago.

Dealers say they are difficult to manufacture at first, ladies preferring heavier and more leathery goods; but these goods are warranted double warp, and are not liable to crock, as many cheaper ones do make. The leathery goods are produced by elastic dressing and an undue quantity of cotton, and, of course, they soon get fuzzy, crock, and tarnish easily, and lose their color, and the dress is ruined.

The Diamond Mohairs, made only from the best alpaca yarn, are naturally brilliant, and will not lose their brilliancy; consequently, and will not crock, having no dressing to deceive the eye, making them fully worth one dollar per yard, and do not be persuaded to take any other till you have tried these goods once, and you will find you have a handsome dress that will remain handsome.

Now to be had from nearly all first-class retailers.

Sole importers,

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ARE RECEIVING BY LATEST STEAMER ELEGANT NOVELTIES IN MOQUETTES, VELVETS, BRUSSELS, &c., AND A VERY LARGE SUPPLY OF TAPESTRY BRUSSELS IN NEW PATTERNS.

SPLENDID QUALITY AND NEW DESIGNS IN AXMINSTER CARPETS,

RUGS, MATS, &c. WITH EVERY VARIETY OF ARTICLE PERTAINING TO HOUSE FURNISHING.

BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

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ARE OFFERING AT PANIC PRICES THE LARGEST AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF DRESS GOODS EVER OFFERED BY ANY ONE FIRM IN THIS CITY.

THOSE DESIROUS OF OBTAINING EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO EXAMINE.

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DRY GOODS.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

HAVE AT PRESENT ON EXHIBITION

A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' AND MISSES' READY-MADE SILK, POPLIN, ORGANDIE, LAWN AND LINEN DRESSES, PLAIN AND EMBROIDERED SILK AND CASHMERE SACQUES, JACKETS, &c., EQUAL IN STYLE AND QUALITY TO THE VERY BEST PARIS MADE, AND AT ABOUT ONE-HALF THE PRICE.

TWO CASES REAL INDIA CAMEL'S HAIR SQUARE SHAWLS,

IN NEW AND ELEGANT DESIGNS, PURCHASED IN EUROPE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

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ARE OFFERING EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS IN LACES, SHAWLS, DRESSES, FLOUNCES, AND BLACK AND WHITE TRIMMING LACES.

AND THEY WILL OFFER A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LLAMA LACE POINTS, &c.

LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, HAMBURG TRIMMINGS, FANCY LACE TRIMMINGS, &c., &c.

BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

HAIR! HAIR!!

SHAWE'S PATENT HAIR Can be brushed and washed, Switches, $1. Chatelaine, &c. Depot, No. 263 Bowery, near Great Jones.

HUMAN HAIR,

cheapest in the country. Switches, 20 inches, $1 00 upward; Chatelaine, $1. Curls, $1. Middle-aged Hair Nets for 25c. Depot, No. 263 Bowery, near Great Jones.

MILLINERY.

MME. HENRIETTE SUHLMEYER, formerly of No. 5 Great Jones-st., has on exhibition the newest and most fashionable assortment of imported Bonnets, Round Hats, Flowers, &c., at No. 15 East 8th-st.

INSTRUCTION.

SCHOOL OF MINES OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Examinations for admission will be held on FRIDAY, June 16. Course of study embraces: I. Mathematics; II. Civil Engineering; III. Mining Engineering; IV. Geology and Natural History; V. Analytical and Applied Chemistry; VI. Metallurgy; VII. Mechanical Engineering, modern languages, &c., in addition to the usual special branches. For catalogues and further information apply to C. F. CHANDLER, Dean of the Faculty, 49th-st., corner of 4th-av.

THE PRINCIPAL OF A PRIVATE School in this City, residing twenty miles from town, will take into his family for the Summer months, two boys; full instruction if desired; location pleasant and healthy. Address PRINCIPAL, Box No. 194 Times Office.

$2 50 FOR 24 WRITING LESSONS. Ladies and gentlemen can learn penmanship, including reduced Summer prices. PAINE'S Business College, No. 62 Bowery. Ladies taught book-keeping and correspondence.

BOURLAND FEMALE INSTITUTE, NEAR ON THE HUDSON, N. Y.—One hour from New-York by boats. For circulars with full particulars, address Rev. L. DELOS MANSFIELD, Principal.

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A CHRISTIAN HOME AND THOROUGH instruction for six boys. Rev. J. TUFTS, Monson, Mass.

MARBLE MANTELS.

S. SLASOR & CO., MARBLE WORKS, No. 1 CHATHAM-SQUARE, BROADWAY AND 8TH-AV.—Marble and marbleized mantels, monuments, largest selection; cheapest in City.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm name of GOVELL & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding claims due the firm will be collected, and all accounts will be settled by H. L. GIBSON, Jr., who will sign the firm name in liquidation.

CHARLES H. GOVELL,
JOHN E. SIMPSON, Jr.,
WILLIAM SIMPSON, (Special.)

NEW-YORK, May 20, 1871.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of GOVELL & GRAY & CO., and will continue the business of the late firm of GOVELL & CO. Said is addition to the importation and manufacture of Chandeliers, &c., at Nos. 19 and 21 Christopher-st. Gorde, they have added to their business the importation of Fine Watches, and manufacturing and dealing in Jewelry and Silver-ware.

CHARLES H. GOVELL,
JOHN HOWARD GRAY,
JOHN B. SIMPSON, Jr.

NEW-YORK, May 19, 1871.

THE FIRM OF EMERY, HIMROD & CO. is this day dissolved by the retirement of Mr. C. KREBS. The business will be conducted by the remaining partners, under the name and style of

ARMSTEAD & EMERY,

No. 45 Pine-st.

MAY 20, 1871.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

A LADY OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE desires a position for the Summer as companion to a lady or governess to children; references exchanged. Address C. B. C., Box 177 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT AMERICAN widow lady of refinement and respectability, a position as house-keeper in a widower's family or in a first-class hotel; is willing to go to the country; the highest references given and required. Address S. C., Box No. 161 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT woman as nurse and seamstress; accustomed to the charge of children; country preferred; has hired before. Call or address for two days No. 452 6th-av.; ring rear bell.

CAFABLE PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC Germans, German, English, Irish, Scotch and American, now waiting for situations at CARPENTER'S Agency, No. 186 West 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A GOOD GERMAN WOMAN, a situation to do general house-work; is willing and obliging. Call at M. HILD'S, No. 187 Norfolk-st.

MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXPERienced coachman; is a married man, without incumbrance, and a Protestant; can give highest reference from last employer. Call or address J. R., at delivery No. 6 West 42d-st., for three days.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY AN ENGLISHman as coachman and waiter; also, and wife as first-class cook or laundress; first-rate City references; country preferred. Address F. W., Box No. 210 Times Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT agents in all the principal towns in the United States to sell the Improved Sewing Machine manufactured by the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company. Address the Company, with references, No. 495 and 497 Broadway, New-York.

WANTED—AN EXCELLENT CHILD'S nurse and seamstress; one with best of City references. Apply between 10 and 12 o'clock on Monday, at No. 22 Bank-st.

FIFTY HANDS WANTED ON HUMAN hair goods; $21 per week and steady work. at SHAWE, No. 263 Bowery.

WANTED—THREE LADIES TO ENGAGE in a light and profitable business; paying from $4 to $6 daily. E. M. FERGUSON & CO., 125 Nassau-st.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN marked "E. M. Allen;" will be held for $200. Address P. O. Box, Station D.

IRON WORKS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL IRON WORKS

Having recently completed several large contracts, such as the Harlem Depot at 63d-st., the Gilsey Hotel, the Seaman's Bank for Savings, Kenny's Building, Peyser's Commercial Block, Rochester, &c., and having facilities and skilled workmen, second to no similar establishment in the country, are now prepared to enter into new contracts for iron buildings of any design, and generally to do all kinds of architectural iron work in the best manner and with dispatch. Apply to 45th-st., between Avenues B and C.

STORES, &c., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING.

SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE PROOF TIMES BUILDING.

Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO LET—THE STORE NO. 208 WEST 37TH-ST., between Jay and Harrison sts. Apply at No. 240 Greenwich-st., upstairs.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—ONE BAY MARE, LONG TAIL; kind, sound and gentle, about eight years old; good in saddle and in harness; suitable for a lady and without a fault or a blemish. Also, one Park phaeton, in perfect condition and good as new. The property of a gentleman, and sold for want of use. Inquire for "FRANK," at private stable, No. 204 East 39th-st., between the hours of 9 A. M. and noon.

GEORGE J. MOORE, NO. 426 BOWERY, manufacturer of every kind of carriages, wagon and heavy; also, repairing done with care and supervision; he can insure the best quality of work. Repairing promptly attended to. Prices low.

EDWARD MURPHY, CARRIAGE Emporium, No. 239 and 241 West 42d-st., manufacturer of first-class work. Every facility for repairing on shortest notice. Prices reasonable. Now and second-hand carriages constantly on hand.

WILLIAM H. ROSE, NO. 2 EAST 16TH-st., is selling off his entire stock of carriages at very low prices, consisting of Coupés, Rockaways, Landaus, Phaetons, Buggies, Carts, &c., &c. Also, a fine Pony Phaeton, suitable for a lady. Will be sold at a great bargain. Also, a fine Pony, Harness and Saddle. Will be sold cheap. Also, a fine Horse, suitable for a lady. Will be sold cheap. Also, a fine Horse, suitable for a gentleman's use. Will be sold cheap. Also, a fine Horse, suitable for a family use

DOINGS OF CRIMINALS.

A Busy Day Among the Social Outlaws of the City.

Swindling Operations of a Telegraphic Messenger—Heavy Larceny by a Hotel Sneak.

Thief—A Bad Case of Mayhem—Other Offenses.

A youth of pleasing appearance, who gave his name as JAMES ST. JOHN, his age as sixteen years, and his occupation as that of an errand boy, was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Justice HOGAN of the Tombs Police Court to answer a charge of false pretenses. From the affidavit of JOHN F. DEACON, Cashier of P. VAN VALKENBURGH & Co., No. 104 Broadway, it appears that St. JOHN entered the office yesterday morning and laying down an envelope of the Franklin and Atlantic Telegraph Company, said "Dispatch 23." Mr. DEACON paid the money, when St. JOHN left and the envelope being opened purported to contain the following dispatch:

ATHENS, Ga., May 20, 1871.

To P. VAN VALKENBURGH & Co., Broadway:

Have sent J. K. BARTLEY to your house. He is a good cash customer. He will be in New-York Monday. A. T. GRAY & CO.

As the firm purporting to have done this business was unknown to the Broadway house, a fraud was suspected, and upon inquiries being made it was found that Mr. ST. JOHN had been an errand boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and when Messrs. VAN VALKENBURGH & Co. received similar dispatches from the same handwriting, Officer SMITH of the First Precinct was sent for and succeeded in arresting the boy, and it then appeared that having stolen the blank forms and envelopes for telegraphic dispatches he had filled them out in due form and blocked them in envelopes directed to numerous houses. By this trick he had succeeded yesterday morning in obtaining $15 from nine different firms, but it is not yet discovered that he was engaged in similar operations on previous days, and it is believed that he had just begun his operations. The boy had been discharged from her part of a day only, by his adroitness in having a regular receipt book for messages of the telegraph company, which he had stolen while an errand boy, in which he was always careful to take receipts for the messages he delivered. He was committed for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

EDWARD HAVENS, a commission dealer, was brought up at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, before Justice SHANDLEY on a charge of having in his possession, with intent to alter and publish, thirty counterfeit railroad tickets, purporting to be issued by the Erie Railroad Company. It appeared that on Friday evening ALEXANDER G. SMITH, an officer of the Erie Railroad Company, arrested the prisoner in FANNY THOMAS' saloon, on Broadway, with these tickets in his possession. Havens, when he found he was discovered, presented a pistol at Mr. SMITH's head, but he (Smith) caught his hand and disarmed and brought to the Grand Opera House. Tickets estimated to be worth $300 were found in his possession. The prisoner confessed that he stole them from the New-England Hotel. He was fully committed for trial without bail.

CHARLES J. MEAD, of No. 93 Water-street, charged with having sold whisky, on which no tax was paid, was held, yesterday, for examination by Commissioner GERELDS.

PATRICK FERGUSON, charged with conveying fifteen barrels of whisky, on which no tax was paid, from "Bradstown" to Brooklyn, was, yesterday, held for examination in default of $1,500 bail.

MARY E. KELLERT, aged five years, died yesterday at the residence of her parents, No. 421 East Seventeenth-street, from burns caused by her clothes accidentally taking fire. An inquest was held by Coroner YOUNG.

Captain OAKLEY of the Twentieth Police Precinct, yesterday removed his command to the new patential station-house, in Thirty-seventh-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

The Diamond-Smuggling Case—Commitment of Justice and Remand.

The investigation into the charge of complicity with RADCLIFFE in smuggling large quantities of diamonds from England into this country, preferred against H. C. JUSTICE, was resumed yesterday before Commissioner OSBORN. Some documentary evidence was handed in, and the case closed on both sides. Mr. KIRTLAND, in summing up the case on behalf of the defendant, characterized the prosecution as a persecution and a disgrace to the officials who represented the Government in the matter. The facts in connection with the case were permitted to slumber for three months, and no charge was preferred against Mr. JUSTICE until sworn to by Mr. RAYCOMBE. He denied that the defendant's conduct in the premises was not deserving of censure, and recommendation. Counsel proceeded to comment on the action of RADCLIFFE coming to this country, under an assumed name, with intent to defraud the Government by smuggling in the seeming diamonds from London by post, his arrest and subsequent release on payment to the Government of $4,500, observing that his accident prevented the possibility of his evidence being received in a Court of Justice. Col. WHITELY had informed the Commissioner, added he (the counsel), that RADCLIFFE had offered him his own purchase, as was evidenced by the indemnity with which he was permitted to sail RADCLIFFE's diamonds to his officers and subordinates. WHITELY was Chief of the Secret Service Department, but why had he converted himself into a confidential broker? He called upon the Commissioner to say whether he was willing to subpœna that of RADCLIFFE, and to dismiss the charge as utterly without foundation.

Mr. PURDY replied on the part of the Government. He maintained that the evidence clearly proved that JUSTICE and RAYMOND were shysters in the RADCLIFFE smuggling, and only gave information of the offense when the charges they themselves had blackmail him to the extent they required. Upon a representation of the facts to the authorities in Washington, RADCLIFFE was thought to be a tool in the hands of JUSTICE, and he was released on payment of a fine. He (the counsel) thought Mr. WHITELY's counsel had anything to do with the case, and he could not see that he had any influence in the District-Attorney's office.

During Mr. PURDY's address it was suggested that the Government would allow the case to go before a jury independent of the action of the Commissioner, and JUSTICE and RAYMOND expressed his willingness to conform to such a course. RAYMOND, who was also committed for trial, protested against it on the ground that Col. WHITELY promised him exemption from arrest on giving information against RADCLIFFE. The Commissioner held that the promise of Col. WHITELY was invalid, and committed JUSTICE and RAYMOND for trial.

Ruffianly Assault-Theft at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

FOR some days past Mr. PIO ECHENIQUE, of Lima, Peru, has been a guest at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. On Wednesday last he was absent during the entire afternoon, visiting Central Park, and upon his return in the evening found that his room had been entered during the afternoon with false keys, and robbed of $3,000 in gold and $4,000 in jewelry. The robbery was immediately reported to Capt. IRVING, of the Central Police, who detailed an experienced detective to take it in charge, but as yet no trace of the thief or his plunder has been discovered.

Death Under Suspicious Circumstances.

JOHN HILLEN, a hog and cattle-drover, on Monday last went in a porter-house, at the corner of Bleecker and West streets, reading a newspaper, to which some one set fire as a practical joke. He was, naturally, angry when the flame reached his hand, and left the place somewhat excited. The next evening he returned, and meeting one ROBERT SIMPSON there, charged him with having set fire to the paper, which the latter denied, and angry words ensued between the two, finally ending in SIMPSON striking HILLEN on the head with a pitcher, inflicting what at the time was considered a severe wound, as HILLEN went unaided to the Fifth Precinct Station-house to have it dressed, and, having refused to give either his own name or that of his assailant, went away.

Yesterday morning he was found by Officer HAMES, of the Fifth Precinct, in the rear of No. 89 Beach-street, in an insensible condition, and was taken to the Park Hospital, where he died without having recovered consciousness. Detective FIELD, of the Fifth Precinct, then learning of the affray, learned that SIMPSON was an engineer on the tow-boat *Sesame*, and endeavored to arrest him, but he could not be found in the City. Yesterday a post-mortem examination was made by Dr. CUSHMAN, which resulted in showing that HILLEN had died from disease of the kidneys and liver, although it was possible the blow on the head may have hastened death. An inquest will be held in the case by Coroner HERRMAN.

Probable Homicide.

On Sunday last an affray occurred at No. 23 Gansevoort-street between EDWARD JOHNSON and PATRICK MCMAHON, both of whom live in the house and were under the influence of liquor at the time. The affray ended by MCMAHON attacking JOHNSON with his teeth, biting off his nose and otherwise lacerating his face in a brutal manner. As JOHNSON refused to make any complaint, knowledge of the affray did not reach the Police until yesterday, when Capt. WASHBURNE of the Ninth Precinct was informed by the attending physician that the injured man was in a critical condition, in consequence of erysipelas having resulted from his wounds. Search was immediately made for MCMAHON, but it was found that he, having learned of the condition of JOHNSON had concealed himself or had left the City.

Another Alleged Car Outrage.

Yesterday FREDERICK TRAIBOR, a German barber, who kept a shop at the corner of Third-avenue and Astor-place, died at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of injuries received on the Third-avenue Railroad on the 14th inst. While in the Hospital, he stated that when riding on the front platform of car No. 146 of the Third-avenue line, he was pushed off by the conductor, and in his efforts to remain the platform fell under a front wheel of the car, which passed over and crushed the left foot. The conductor denies having pushed TRAIBOR from the car, and claims that at the inquest, which has been set down by Coroner HERRMAN for Wednesday next, he will prove his entire innocence.

Murderous Death of a Mendicant.

Tuesday night an aged vagrant, who gave his name as WM. BURCKHARDT, and who had spent the previous night in the Station-house as a lodger, applied to Sergt. AHEARN, of the Eleventh Precinct, to be sent to the Island, as he had no money or friends. He made no statement of having been injured in any way, nor did he show any external marks of violence. Sergt. AHEARN, according to his request, detailed Officer SULLIVAN to take him to Essex Market Police Court for commitment to the Island, but at the corner of Broome and Essex streets BURCKHARDT, who had previously walked without assistance, fell to the sidewalk, and Officer SULLIVAN was compelled to call some citizens to his aid and carry him to the Court-room, where he died in a few minutes.

The body was taken to the Morgue, and Dr. WOODWARD BRAGG, holding a post-mortem examination, found that three ribs of the deceased had been broken and the point of one of them had penetrated and lacerated the right lung, causing excessive hemorrhage, and in the opinion of the physician death had resulted from these injuries. As yet nothing has been ascertained as to the manner in which BURCKHARDT received the hurts, but the Police are investigating the matter.

NIGHT AND MORNING.

Down Among the Stars—The Assertion of a Fourth Ward Lodging House—How to Live on $3 50 a Week—The Pleasures of a Twenty Cent Bed—Troubles of an Adventurous Explorer.

One Saturday night in February last, I stood upon the corner of James and Oak street, in the Fourth Ward. My nearest relatives could hardly have recognised in the tatterdemalion your very obedient. My attire was that of an independent supporter of Tammany. An old patched pair of military pants, a "Boston Particular" particularly dilapidated, a greenish-black overcoat in a very advanced stage of decomposition, a hat of cracked felt with here and there a "ventilator," a "hickory" shirt elegantly limp, having never known starch, and confined at the neck by a sadly attenuated worsted muffler, completed my upper store, while my hands and face studiously beamed and my feet in their coverings of rags gave the finishing touches to what I was proud to consider a very successful "make-up."

I was out not exactly for a lark, but for a dive into one of the lodging-houses of he found under the crust of muddy, pestilential James-street. Who strolls that way may see over many cellar doorways the word "Lodgings," in flaming letters of many hues on grounds of various shades. I had; and I burned to explore the amplitude of their accommodations.

I found myself leaning against a lamp-post while the snow fell fast. The lights flashed brightly from the windows of the neighboring dens, casting sickly rays upon the tainted snow now fallen; and sounds of ghastly mirth proceeded from the cleanse shades of "The Sailor's Return," "The Flag of Our Union," and other similar resorts. The "bucket shops" were in full swing, doing their best trade. In some, as many as five bartenders were at work, dispensing gills of poisonous fluid to eager, squalid, blear-eyed people of all ages and sexes.

"Well, young feller! what are you loafing here for? Come travel on. Get off the corner."

So spoke an officer, whose club poked vigorously in my ribs caused me to straighten and turn quickly. I was about to give vent to my indignation at this uncalled for interference, when my eye chanced to light upon my tattering nether garments, and I forbore, appearances were so strongly against me. My reply was meek:

"I'm a stranger here, officer, in want of shelter for the night."

"Where did you come from?" said the astute guardian of the night, "and what's your lay? You don't belong around these diggings anyhow."

Oh, dear, no! I did not. My home was located where there was less music and more pure air. But I did not feel disposed to tell him so.

"I am far from home, and want a lodging."

He scanned me in silence for a minute or two, then said abruptly: "How much money have you?"

"A couple of dollars."

"Well, come along with me; I guess I can fix you."

We proceeded up the street a few paces, stopped, and the policeman descended the steps of a basement and knocked loudly at the door. receiving no immediate reply, he gave a vigorous rap with his club, bawling "Mrs. Murphy." (a knock; "Tom," (another knock;) "Mo-o-o-l-l-y!" (followed by a succession of kicks and knocks.) At length an angry voice was heard, swearing "Arrah, pay don't you brake in the door the home! Och! I'm coming. Bad luck till yo! I lave the door on sis bingo." Then my self-appointed quartermaster desisted, and a sort of suppressed growling and fumbling went on inside, evidently occasioned by useless attempts to procure a light. Another peremptory summons brought the party to the door, which was opened an inch or two by an old woman with a petticoat thrown over her head, almost hiding her face, which was seamed with wrinkles.

She exclaimed, in evident perturbation: "Ah, shin, bad manners till you, Charley, is it yourself? What the mischief are you after now? Sure, there's nobody here at all at all. Don't I keep a decent house?"

"Hush Molly, I've only brought you a lodger."

"Oh!" and her face lost its troubled expression instanter. "Walk in, gintleman, I was just going to bed. Take care of the step. Ah! look out for the dog. Lie down Fother B! Take care, Sir, or he'll bite your shins av you tread on him. He's very cross since he lost the end of his tail off to make it grow bushy."

The policeman entered and I followed in trepidation, occasioned I confess, by the avowed savageness of "Fother B" who had growled wickedly and cast a sideleng glance at my contemptibles. Molly turned on the light, and having placed it on the table turned on me with "So you want lodgings, young man? Are you clane? Excuse me for askin; but a housekeeper must be very particular."

The policeman cut short her pleasant conversation rather summarily, by remarking "that she had better have less chin, as there were more lodging-houses than churches, and the young man, having stuff enough, could go elsewhere."

This brought the ancient damsel to terms at once, and she informed me that here were twenty cents for the privilege of sharing another's bed; fifteen, if I preferred sleeping with two others, or ten, should I consider that the extreme severity of the weather and the low condition of my finances made it imperative for me to become the fourth occupant of a single couch. It is needless to observe that I became what, in the vernacular of subterranean James-street, is known as a "twenty-center." I paid, and my friendly "M. P." took himself away.

A brief survey of the premises, while the landlady was politely showing the policeman out, convinced me that this outer chamber was merely the passage-way from the street to the main apartment. I found also that it served as a bedroom, for Molly on returning to me pointed to a corner in which I saw an old ricketty bedstead—her marital couch, she said. On it lay a bundle of clothes and swathes, from the upper end of which protruded a head, surmounted by an old woolen nightcap. The head turned and croaked out, "Good evening, Sir; it's the divil's night entirely," adding reprovingly to his partner, "Yerra sheure to ye, Molly, ye ould sammoon, musty, quilts! My bedfellow elect interrupted my ejaculations by calling out, "Young man, why don't you take off your pants? Do you want to dirty Mrs. Murphy's bedclothes?"

"Hush!" said I, in the most conciliatory manner imaginable; "I am so cold (as in truth I was) that I must wear my pants."

"Faith, thin I won't sleep with ye. How do I know whether you are clane or not. Turn out with you at wanst, or I'll pull you out."

"Well, then, give me a quilt and you can have the whole bed to yourself." He willingly acceded, and donning my garments, I wrapped myself in it and sat down in a chair for the night. The rest slept in a little while.

It was indeed bitterly cold that night, and I sat in that chair, shivering and shaking, thinking, while my teeth chattered, that I was a fool to put myself into such snare at all. I was miserable, and every more of my quondam friends only aggravated my position. By and by I dosed, too. How long I cannot say. But I awakened with a sudden start from a dream in which I thought I had been sitting on a stone in a bleak morass, with my feet submersed in beer-water. Chilled to the soul was I, and when fully aroused found myself ankle-deep in real water. It was no dream. The recent wreak had fallen during the week previous and filled the back yard, whose surface was five or six feet above us, and the accumulation had dissolved with the heavy rain that poured in torrents for some three or four hours. In the basements were eighteen inches of water, and it was rapidly rising.

This was a horrid state of affairs, and to make matters worse I tilted my chair and with it went sprawling on the floor and floundered in the dirty puddle.

The noise awoke one of the lodgers, Sailor Tom, I believe, and shouting thieves he struck a light, showing me in the middle of the floor dragging the bed-quilt about and dripping filthy water.

"Mrs. Murphy, Jerry, Jimmy the Blacksmith, turn out. Look to your clothes. Have any of you lost anything? There's a thief, a robber in the house."

The effect of this speech was electrical; quick as lightning the "Blacksmith" feinted for his skill in the noble art of the P. R., leaped into the centre of the room and dealt me a desperate blow, which, luckily for the symmetry of my features, fell on my shoulder, nearly dislocating it, and sending me into the arms of the unfortunate Molly as forcibly that she and I fell into the other room.

"Tom! Bat! Jerry! Come quick he's murdherin me," yelled the harridan, and immediately after the sore-tailed "Peter B" set his teeth in the nether part of my garments and shook me savagely. By this time the lamp had been lit and the men, uttering curses of deep-toned and ominous, came to Mrs. M.'s assistance. I received two or three kicks from Jerry, and Jimmy launched his fearful foot at me, whom it missed, thank Heaven! It dropped on Peter B's sore tail however, causing him to let me go and fasten on the offending foot, with such venom as to elicit fearful roars of agony from Jimmy. Amid the most terrific confusion I was rescued by Bat and D'Arcy from impending destruction, and succeeded in making a satisfactory explanation of my position when discovered by Sailor Tom.

Cheerless, wet and bold, we all stood on the flooded floor of this underground hostel, for which the proprietor paid a rental of $50 a month. It was about 4 o'clock in the morning, and as the water was rising all hands had to "turn to" at Sailor Tom's suggestion to bail skip. The work began inside and out. The snow-pile in the yard was attacked and removed by the pailful into the street, where it was dumped, and man bailed the water from the "parlor" by the bucketful. I stood on the front door steps listening to the old woman's assurance "that this was nothing at all, we have worse in heavy storms," and I mentally resolved that journalistic enterprise would hardly lead me into the danger of passing such another "Night and Morning."

E. G. M.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Another hearing in the Tilford contested will case took place yesterday before Surrogate HUTCHINGS. Mr. LESTER, a brother of the widow, was examined as to the illness of deceased. He testified that the testator was incapacitated for the transaction of business for several days prior to the execution of the will. Dr. MILNER was recalled, and corrected his statement that he attended the deceased Feb. 15, the day of the execution of the will. He saw him, he said, on the 18th. No other testimony was taken, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Friday morning JANE ANN CRONK, employed as a domestic at No. 111 West Twenty-sixth street, not appearing as usual, her room was entered and she was found insensible upon her bed and the room filled with illuminating gas, which was pouring from a burner which was entirely open, not having been turned off. The girl lingered until yesterday, when she died. It is believed that she blew out the gas instead of turning it off when she went to bed. An inquest will be held by Coroner HERRMAN.

A lady on Eighth-street, yesterday, having sold some old clothes to an itinerant cloth vender, threw them down on a chair in the hallway, while she put the proceeds in her purse. Instantly the buyer whipped up his purchases and thrust them into his bag and with them the lady's spectacles, scissors, gold thimble, and a half-finished baby's dress, which were lying on the chair beneath the dresses. The larceny was not discovered until after the thief had made his escape.

A. S. WEBB, LL.D., President of the College of New-York, has issued two circulars, preparatory to the examination of classes, beginning June 9, which will be continued for several days. The Faculty will meet on the 23d of June to make the final report of the Committee of Revision, and will at that time recommend to the Trustees the candidates for degrees. The Commencement will take place on Thursday, the 29th of June.

Last night five sailors, named D. Mahoney, E. Murphy, James Eustace, W. Murphy and John Darty, who had been employed on board the steamer *Ben Ely*, belonging to the New-Haven line, presented themselves at the Beekman-street Police Station, and said they had been defrauded of their wages. The Sergeant in charge told them he was unable to help, but would advise them to apply to a lawyer for redress on Monday morning.

In the case of the Arnold Manufacturing Company before the Court on last Saturday, Judge BLATCHFORD censured the conduct of Mr. ALEXANDER, of the counsel to warm looked with fully as the grate but said nothing. It was D'Arcy who slowly raised the tough salt pig meat to his mouth and began to eat it raw.

"Can't you warm your mate, D'Arcy?" said Molly.

"No, ma'am, I can't."

"Why not?"

"Bekase I haven't three cints to pay for the use of the fire." No more was said by either, and he eat his meat raw. I afterward learned that everybody had to pay so much to enable Mrs. Murphy to purchase cinders from the girls who sifted the ashes and sold them. Coal eighty cents a bushel was out of her reach. The cinders only cost six cents a pail, and answered the purpose for the culinary department. The fire was then carefully raked down.

The next event was the entrance of Mr. McCluskie, a coal and festive coal carrier; one of those who sifted the ashes in search of fuel for seventy-five cents. He had been across the river, I observed, and now his return was hailed with murmurs of satisfaction. The cause was a large bottle of liquor, or, as he majestically described it, a "little thrate of Lanigan's best," viz: bourbon, twenty-five cents a quart. The old landlady brought out her gobleta—a cracked tumbler and a wine-glass. Then did the gentle coal-heaver serve her with a fair modicum of the "villinous" brew which, after many remonstrances about the impropriety of the proceeding, went down her wrinkled throat with great apparent relish. The jorum was passed around, the twenty-centers being first served, the ten-centers last. All hearts seemed to be warmed, and Barney was requested to favor the company with a song. His vocal effort was powerful, loud and strong, being an obscene ode descriptive of the brave and charitable idiosyncracies of one "Mr. Willie Brennan," a footpad and cut-throat, "who in Ireland did dwell and on the Kilworth Mountains," indulged in these little peculiarities with other people's persons and property which finally brought him to the gallows. It was rapturously received, an encore demanded, which the sooty bard hastened to give in the shape of a love song in twenty stanzas, and when his larynx was lubricated by another draught of the "bunker-shop" rose. After this quartet effort, Mrs. Sweeny, at the earnest solicitation of D'Arcy, his keenest admirer, stood out in the middle of the floor and gave the coarsest imitations of Messrs. MACREADY, FORREST, (the elder and younger BOOTH,) in several of their specialties, winding up with the fourth act from RICHARD WILLIAMS, accomplished in a way that proved our entertainer "native and to the manor born." Mere "red eye" was purchased from "Mark's," screen the way, and music and ghost stories occupied the hours until the last spark died in the embers, and all hands shivered with cold. Not until then did anybody turn his attention to bed. But now came my trial. I would have to turn in. My bedfellow was to be the coal carrier, who, having earned $1 78 that day, informed me that he was bound to have a "twenty-cent sleep to-night." What a pickle I was in. Wheel-sleep with this fellow, whose clothes and skin were impregnated with the accumulated dust of years. I mean coal-dust. Never! But how to escape? It was past 1 o'clock, and I could find no reasonable excuse for leaving before daylight. No; I was in for it! Oh, how I wished I had never come to this locality in search of food for an article. At any rate I resolved not to strip, and to leave by the first gray streak of dawn. I took off my outer coat, then the inside one; next came my shoes, and finally my vest, and with a sensation filling my brain similar to that which nerves the suicide to take his desperate leap into the seething flood beneath, I sprang into bed.

Oh, my stars! I mentally ejaculated; shall I survive this? Gracious angels of cleanliness, and representative of the celestial virtue of purity of thought and bed linen, preserve me from the contagion concealed beneath these

of Broadway and Whipple-street, on Tuesday, died of his injuries on Friday night.

The Police made 531 arrests in the city during the past week.

STATEN ISLAND.

JAMES RAFFERTY was committed to the County Jail, yesterday, by Justice GARRETT, on the charge of feloniously assaulting a fellow-workman named JOHN MONOGHAN. Both men are employed near Fort Wadsworth, and a dispute arising between them, yesterday, RAFFERTY dealt his companion a blow on the neck with a shovel, severing the main artery.

The annual report of the Police Commissioners of Richmond County, to the County Judge and Board of Supervisors, for the year ending May 6, shows the number of arrests to be males, 206; females, 205; total, 1,071. The amount of fines unpaid were $2,145 27. The expenses of sustaining the force during the year was $42,575 41.

JOHN WILSON, a boy, was sent to jail yesterday by Judge KILPATRICK, on the charge of stabbing a companion, named GEORGE ADAMS, in the left side, with a table-knife, inflicting serious, and, it is feared, fatal wounds.

A young son of Mr. G. V. FRECKER, of Port Richmond, was accidentally drowned yesterday afternoon by falling into a pond near his father's residence. An inquest was held by Coroner MARTINDALE.

LONG ISLAND.

CHARLES MOORE, the colored burglar, implicated with "Shorty," alias SWEENY, in the attempts to break into the store of J. V. PAYNTER at Flushing, was yesterday arrested by Officer SMITH.

PATRICK MCCOY was yesterday fined $5 by Justice QUARTERMAN, of Flushing, for resisting Officer SMITH to arrest a drunken and disorderly man, named WM. JORDAN, when requested to do so by the officer.

A barber at College Point has been arrested, charged with grossly indecent behavior toward several small girls. Justice CONRAD VON BUREN yesterday commenced a hearing in the case.

On Thursday afternoon a young son of THOMAS CARROL was run over in Cedar-street, Flushing, and seriously injured.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

CHARLES KELLOGG entered a room at the house of Mr. NICHOLAS BURR, his employer, at Morrisania, and stole $9 in money and some dresses belonging to Mrs. BURR. The thief was taken before Justice FULLER and then committed to the County Jail.

The Commissioners having charge of constructing Union-avenue in the towns of Mamaroneck and Rye, have called upon the authorities of Rye for $10,000 worth of bonds.

NEW-JERSEY.

Mrs. VAN HORN and her married daughter and child were alone in their residence on Communipaw-avenue, Jersey City, on Friday night, when a man made his appearance at the rear window of their bed-chamber. The daughter bravely discharged a revolver at the burglar, for such he proved to be, and he failed to reappear. Previous to seeing him they heard a noise in the garret. On arising in the morning they discovered their trunks less several valuable dresses and other clothing, which were afterward found in the yard in a bundle, the thief, it is supposed, being too scared to carry them away.

While A. R. CORBIN, brother-in-law of President GRANT, was in the First National Bank, at Elizabeth, yesterday, a man with gory headed cane which he carried, was taken from the counter by some unseen person. Soon after, the Policeman on duty at the railroad depot having been notified, saw a man with a cane the head of which was up his sleeve. He arrested him on suspicion, and found the cane in the bank, where the cane was recognized as that of Mr. CORBIN. The thief is named JOSEPH APPLEBORN and is a pedler.

In consequence of the number of incendiary fires that have recently occurred in West Hoboken, Union, and Weehawken, the citizens have organized for mutual protection. The insurance companies cooperate with the movement. On Friday night a spirited meeting was held, when it was stated that five incendiary fires, involving a loss of $200,000, have occurred within the past three weeks. It was finally decided to offer a reward of $1,000 for the conviction of any incendiary within the three townships.

The Board of Directors of the Central Agricultural Society of New-Jersey met yesterday, at Trenton. The President, Judge ACKERLEY, submitted a letter from Governor HOFFMAN accepting said Com. ROBERT F. STOCKTON was elected his successor. The following Executive Committee was appointed: the President and Secretary, and Messrs. SMITH, VAN CAMP and J. H. OGDEN.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company are now sending to Jersey City 600 car-loads of Wilkesbarre and Scranton coal daily, and it is stated that, if the miners resume work on Monday, the price of coal will be lowered to $5 per ton in two weeks. The General Railroad Company are sending to Hinsdalesport daily about 500 car-loads.

Chancellor ZABRISKIE has issued an injunction to prevent the North Midland Railroad from further pursuing its work upon the farm of FRED. SELLERS, of Caldwell Township, until the full amount due for the land taken for road has been settled. The Commissioners awarded the complainant $6,000 for the land taken.

Preparations are being made to supply Orange with gas from the works of the Citizens' Company, of Newark, as provided by the last Legislature. The Orange Gas Company will transfer all their property to the Newark corporation.

Yesterday while CHARLES CLARKE, a boy, was working in a rope-walk, his hair was caught in a revolving rope, and he was drawn up with such force that a portion of the scalp was torn off. He was unconscious when relieved, but is expected to recover.

Yesterday morning 500 Swedish immigrants were conveyed to the Jersey City depot of the New-Jersey Railroad, from the steamship *City of Edinburgh*. They are the first installment of a large number from that country, who are to form a colony near Omaha.

An immense ocean pier is to be built at Long Branch similar to the one at Brighton, England. Messrs. HELMBOLD and LAIRD have for this purpose formed a company, with a proposed stock of $150,000. The pier is to be 800 feet long, and is to be built of iron.

Justice FAIRBANKS, of Elizabeth, has served the warrant in person on Justice PRICE, who is charged with assaulting a colored man, named FRED DOUGLASS. Mr. PRICE furnished bail to answer the charge at the next term of the Court.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the Passaic River, at the foot of Madison-street, Newark, yesterday afternoon. A memorandum-book and memorandum were found in the pockets of the clothing deceased wore.

On Friday night LOUIS ADDISON, a brakeman on the Morris and Essex Railroad, was terribly injured near Orange, his head coming in contact with a bridge under which the train was passing.

A warrant was issued, yesterday, for the arrest of one CLANCY, Captain of a canal-boat lying in Jersey City, on a charge of brutally assaulting one of his men, PATRICK CANNON, because he requested his wages.

The members of No. 4 Engine, of the Jersey City Fire Department, who mutilated the furniture and records at the head-quarters of the Fire Commissioners recently, have been dismissed the service.

The amount of tax to be raised in Newark for the present year has been fixed at $1,490,880. Of this amount $630,000 is county tax, $664,000 for the support of the City Government, and $288,000 interest.

FREDERICK HEISENHAM, the baker, by whose team the little girl, MARION CALVERT, was killed at Newark, has been arrested and bailed for trial before Judge DEPUESTER $1,000.

Bishop ODENHEIMER yesterday conferred the right of confirmation on a large number of persons in Grace Church, Jersey City.

The new Board of Education of the township of Greenville have determined to remove all the teachers, with one exception.

A stableman, named WILLIAM BURNS, of Elizabeth, fell through a hay-mow yesterday, and was dangerously injured.

The first car-load of peaches of the season arrived yesterday morning at Jersey City via the New-Jersey Railroad.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Medical Director William Lawton has been ordered to duty as Fleet-Surgeon of the North Atlantic fleet, relieving Surgeon Charles Morris, ordered home. Second Assistant-Engineer A. D. Taylor is ordered to duty at Lorient, Ireland. Lieut.-Commander John Adams Howell is detached from the Naval Academy on September 30, and ordered to duty on the Coast Survey. Lieut.-Commander T. H. Stevens is detached from the Naval Academy and placed on waiting orders.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, May 20—11½ A. M.—Consols opened at 92¾ for both money and the account. American Securities dull. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 90¾; do., do., 1865, 90¾; Ten-forties, 89¼. 1 P. M.—Consols closed at 92¾ for both money and the account. American Securities quiet and steady. United States Five-twenties, 1862, 90¾; 1865, old, 90¾; 1867, 90¾; Ten-forties 89¼.

PARIS, May 19—Evening.—United States Five-twenty Bonds closed at 89¾@90 for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, May 20—10½ A. M.—COTTON.—The market opened quiet; Middling Uplands, 7¾d.; Middling Orleans, 7¾d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000.

The shipments of Official Corn Bagging since the last report to the 15th inst. have been 30,000 bales.

11½ P. M.—PRODUCE.—Refined Petroleum, 17½@17½d.

11½ P. M.—COTTON.—The market closed quiet and steady; Middling Uplands, 7¾d.; Middling Orleans, 7¾d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 2,000 for export and speculation. Stocks of Cotton, 400,000 bales, of which 200,000 are American. Sales of Cotton at New Orleans have been made at 7¾@7¾c. for Middling.

The Cotton Movement.—LIVERPOOL, May 20.—The ship *Orpheus*, from New Orleans April 3, with 2,000 bales of Cotton; the *Mosel*, from New Orleans April 7, with 3,000 bales; *Southerner*, from Mobile April 11, with 3,764 bales; *Albert Dean*, from Galveston April 6, with 4,164 bales.

NEWSPAPERS FOR THE PRESS.

Corrections and proposals of contracts and lists of contracts are requested to be sent or delivered promptly to the New-York Associated Press Agency, at the office exhibiting the written testimony of Jy. W. SIMMONS, General Agent.

Sealed proposals for the journal of Congress, Congressional Globe, Senate Journal and House Journal, Executive Journal, and Executive Documents, should also be addressed only to the same parties.

Passengers Sailed.

MAY 20—In steamship Ocean Queen, for Liverpool—Mrs. Gen. Meade, Miss Meade, Miss Mary Meade, W. M. Seller, Mrs. S. Seller, Miss Seller, Lewis J. Allen, F. Tennyson, S. Hanson, F. C. Dunning, Francis Gowen, Arnold Fox, John M. Jones, W. M. Seller, Mrs. S. Seller, Miss Seller, Wm. C. Myers and wife, Mrs. Ruby Wellington, Ruby, Rev. D. C. D. Pruyne, W. G. Gilmore, Miss Goetz, Mrs. Dr. Bayne, Mrs. Mary Meadows, Miss Mary Meadows, Miss Bedford, Miss Bedford, Mrs. W. M. Bedford, Geo. Stewart and children, Mrs. Lank, Wm. M. Lank, M. Walker, Lavinia Freeman and wife, Amelia McGraw, Lucy McGraw, Alex. McGraw, James McGraw, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Alexander, W. Cowell, C. Elmore, F. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Anderson, J. F. Hartshorne, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cumming, H. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen, Mrs. Kirk, R. Bannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gerdes, Master and 4 children, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Duffy, J. Gilbert, W. F. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Curley, Mrs. Dr. Coxe, Miss Coxe, Mrs. Hood, Miss Hood and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. Solomon, W. F. Conley, Miss W. Lindsay, Miss W. Calhoun, W. Gedney, C. Kneeland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gedney and child, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Miss McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller, A. Ring, J. Wertheim and wife and Mrs. A. Jacobs, child and infant, H. Walker, J. Austin, Mrs. Jackson, J. Jackson, C. Jackson, H. G. Kellogg, Miss Kellogg, Miss Gilbert, E. H. Sheffield, A. Wilson, J. Connolly, J. F. Clark, W. H. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bowne, R. Williams, J. Campbell, Miss G. Smith, Miss J. Smith, Miss C. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Miss C. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramsay, Miss M. C. Howland, Miss R. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips and child, H. Finley, J. C. Reynolds, W. W. Corse, Lieut.-Col. Dalyell, M. O'Neil, Major Alden, C. A. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cavendish, A. Davidson.

MAY 20—In steamship Ardandhu, for Antwerp—Victor Place, Colonel Leonard of France, Miss Victor Place, Miss Place, Eugene Place, Miss Place, Victor Place, Dr. C. Cowman, Jno. C. Cowman, Miss Hattie Neal Dalzelle, Chancellor of the French Legation, Washington; M. Lacroix, M. Lavigne, His Excellency Baron Gerolt, Miss Gerolt, Miss Mary Gerolt, Mrs. and Miss Frank, D. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fischer, Cassenia, Mrs. Antonella Merlde and child, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Le Pegade, Mrs. Josephine Trapman and Juri and child, G. Ford, Mrs. and child, Mme. E. Pedroso, Giovanni Cuneo, A. Travaglier, Rev. Thomas Keenan, Joseph Bennett, Mrs. Joseph Bateson, Miss Cavendish and servant, Miss J. Cavendish, Mr. Carlile, Mrs. Carlile and child and servant, R. Smith, Henry Allegri, C. Gowan, Mr. Sarti, Felix Crossi, Mr. Dacca, Louis Thomas, Mr. Duvier, Miss Duvier and 2 children, — Scelli, Francis Chabaud, Mrs. Dr. Torry, Miss Torry, Miss Green, Francesco Rochard, M. Tirole, Mrs. Severston, Mr. Velotte, Mr. Demers, Bella Demers, Con. Paul, Mr. Murat, A. Gay, J. B. Fraser, Mr. Henry, Mrs. Pierre Duval, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Miss Emilie Ouellin, Gabriel Ouet, J. M. Muller, J. B. F. Mare, Nicolas Henry, Victor Henry, S. Henry, A. Vatel, Miss Royer, Mr. Malicot.

MAY 20—In steamship Atlantic, for Glasgow—Samuel McCandlish, Chas. H. Gaylor, Mrs. Gaylor, Miss Gaylor, Miss Gaylor, Miss Gaylor, Mr. and Mrs. John G. White, James Paterson, F. W. Bigelow and wife, Mrs. Mary A. McBride and 2 children, Miss Gen. Stewart, Lyman B. Decker, Wm. H. Pavill and wife, Annie E. Pavill, Robert Lindsay and wife, Ellen E. and Annie Lindsay, Alexander Glover, F. Duffy, R. Griffith, Wm